Conscientious, Serious

THEOLOGICAL AND LEGAL QUÆRES,

Suggested to the twice-dissipated, self-created

Anti-Parliamentary Westminster Junto,

AND ITS MEMBERS.

TO

Convince them of, humble them for, convert them from their unprecedent Treasons, Rebellions, Perjuries, Sacrileges, Oppressive Illegal Taxes, Excises, Militias, Plunderings, destructive Counsels, Proceedings against their Sovereign, Protestant Heroick Allies, the old dissolved Parliament, the whole House of Lords, the Majority of their own secured, secluded, imprisoned, fellow Members; the Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Freemen, Commons, Church, Clergy of England, their Protestant Brethren, Allies; contrary to all their Oaths, Protestations, Vowes, Leagues, Covenants, Allegiance, Remonstrances, Declarations, Ordinances, Petitions, Obligations to them, the fundamental Laws, Liberties of the Land, and Principles of the true Protestant Religion; And to perswade them now at last to hearken to and embrace such counsels, as tend to publike Union, Safetie, Peace, Settlement, and their own salvation.

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Luke 12. 11. *Then shall we have all brother-hoods known, when such as any wise belong to any confusion, and not suffer for some time, or have not sin for him.*

1 Tim. 5. 20. *Them that sinne openly, rebuke before all, that others may fear.*

Prov. 28. 4. *Forsaking wicked men, and so will have their glory inflamed to a wicked man, and he will forsake wicked.*

Jude 14. 15. *Behold, the Lord came to the ten of Saints, and reproved all their ungodly deeds of Ungodliness, and of all their hard speeches, which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.*

Revelation 18. 4. *Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.* TWICE

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THe Wiſeſt of Men, and God only wiſe, informs all Sons of Wiſdom capable of Inſtruction; that [a] *open rebuke, is better than ſecret love*; becauſe *faithfull are the wounds of a friend, but the kiſſes of an enemy are deceitfull:* whence [b] *he that rebuketh a man*, for his exorbitant tranſgreſſions, *afterwards ſhall finde more favour, than he that flattereth with the tongue*; by extenuating, excuſing or juſtifying his Offences. Upon this conſideration, I reputed it both a ſeaſonable and Chriſtian duty incumbent on me in this day of the late *Anti-Parliamentary Junctoes* diſſipation, humiliation, confuſion, and *Army-Officers* diviſion amongſt themſelves, to reminde them fully of, and * *rebuke* them plainly, *ſharply*, for their manifold Treaſons, Perjuries, and other exorbitant Offences againſt their lawfull Proteſtant King, Kingdom, the late diſſolved Parliament, the whole Houſe of Lords, the Majoritie of their fellow-Members, the whole Engliſh Nation, Church, Miniſtrie, their Proteſtant Brethren, and Allies, againſt all their ſacred and civil Obligations to them, in a ſerious, impartial, convincing, leaſt-offenſive manner, by way of *Quæres* drawn from Gods *word*, and plain ſacred Scripture-Texts, and our known Laws, which they have moſt preſumptuouſly *trodden under foot, and c would not hearken to, in the daies of their late ſelf-exaltation and Proſperity*, like their Predeceſſors of

a Prov. 27. 5, 6.

b Prov. 28. 23.

* Tit. 1. 13.

c Jer. 22. 21. & 5. 5. Zech. 22. 27.

old among the Jews: when I minded and reminded them over and over, not only in my *Speech*, *Memento*, *Collections* of our antient *Parliaments*, and other publications in the years 1648, 1649. in my Epistle to, and first Part of *My Historical Collections*, and *Legal Vindication*, 1655. *My Republicans Spurious Good Old Cause briefly and truly Anatomized*; *My True and Perfect Narrative*, and *Concordia Discors* in *May*, and *June* last, and *Brief Necessary Vindication of the old and new secluded Members*, in *September* following; (wherein I truly predicted their former and present dissolutions by those very *Army Officers* with whom they confederated) which they would not credit, till dissolved by them; being in good hopes, that they will now at last *Hear Counsel and receive instruction, that they may be wise in their latter end*, as God himself adviseth them, *Prov.* 19. 20.

1. Whether their Speaker Mr. *Lenthall* and those *confederate Members of the Commons House*, who against their duties, upon pretext of the unarmed *London* Apprentices tumult at the House in *July* 1647. (though they secured, secluded no Members, but only kept them in the House, till they had read, answered their Petition, and then quietly departed) went away privily to the *Army*, by the invitation, instigation of some swaying *Army Officers*, without the leave or privity of the House; brought up the whole *Army* to *Westminster* and *London* to conduct them in triumph to the House, caused them to * impeach, declare against, suspend, imprison sundry Members of both *Houses*; *nulled all Votes*, *Orders*, *Ordinances*, *Proceedings* in their absence, by reason of a *pretended force* upon the *House* by the *Apprentices* during that space, and declared them meerly void to all intents, by the Speakers Declaration, and an *Ordinance* of 10. *Aug.* 1647 when as there was no force at all upon the Houses during that time, and these Members might have freely, safely returned to the House alone, had they list, without the Army, or any one Troop to guard them: and afterwards mutinied and brought up part of the Army again to *Westminster*, to * force the Houses to passe the Votes for *No more addresses to the King*, (contrived in a General Council of *Army-Officers*,

* See a Collection of the Armies Engagements, Remonstrances, &c. p. 105, & 145.

* Animadversions upon the Armies Remonstrance, Nov. 20. 1648. p. 10, 11, 12.

Officers, and seconded with their *Declaration* when passed, by force and surprize in an empty House.) After that most traiterously and perfidiously [f] confederated with the *Army Officers* to break off the last Treatie with the King in the Ile of *Wight*; to seise the Kings person by a party of the Armie, & remove him thence against both Houses Orders, notwithstanding his large Concessions & consent to their *Propositions*: to secure, seclude all the Members of the Commons House, who after many dales and one whole nights debate, passed this Vote according to their judgements, consciences, duties (carried without dividing the House, notwithstanding the *Armies* march to *Westminster*, and menaces to prevent it) *That the answers of the King to the Propositions of both Houses, were a ground for the house to proceed upon for the settlement of the Peace of the Kingdom*: which Vote of the whole House, when there were above 300 Members present, about 40 of them only soon after repealed, expunged, (the manner of carrying on of which design against the King & Members, was concluded by a Committee at *Windsor* consisting of 4. *Army Officers*, whereof Col. *Harrison* (their chairman, and a Member) and Col. *Rich* were two; 4. Members of the Commons House, whereof *Cornelius Holland* yet living was one, the 3. others since dead, 4 *Independents*, and 4. *Anabaptists* of *London*; wherein a List was made by them what Members should be secluded, secured, and who admitted to sit; this Committee resolving to *dissolve both houses by force*, and to try, condemn, execute the King *by a Council of war*; if they could not get 40 of the Commons House to sit and bring him to Justice, as *John Lilburn* one of that Committee hath published in print;) approved, abbetted the Armies forcible, treasonable securing of many Members, secluded the Majoritie of the House by their Vote of *Jan.* 11. 1648. upon the Armie-Officers false and scandalous printed *Answer* to them, *Jan.* 3. *touching the grounds of their securing and secluding them*, contrary to their Protestation, Covenant, the Privileges, Rights of Parliament, the Great Charter, the Fundamental Laws and liberties of the Nation; And not content therewith, by their own Anti-Parliamentary, anti-christian,

[f] see the 2. Part of the History of Independency.

[g] see the Republicans spurious good old Cause briefly and truly anatomised, P. 1. to 6.

christian Liturgion, to our all the old Gunpowder Treyters mu-
2 Thess. 2.4. ny degrees, by the Armies assistance, and opposing, advan-
cing themselves against all that is called God and worshiped, they
most shatterously set aside, voted down, suppressed the
whole House of Lords, as dangerous, useless, tyrannical, un-
necessary; usurped, engrossed the stile, power of the Par-
liament of England, and Supreme Authority of the Nati-
on, to themselves alone, without King, Lords, or Majo-
rity of their fellow secluded Members; created a new Mon-
strous High Court of Justice, (destructive to all our fundamen-
tal Laws, Liberties and Justice it self) wherein (beyond all
presidents since the creation) they most presumptuously,
condemned, murdered, beheaded their own lawfull Here-
ditarie Protestant King (against all their former Oathes,
Protestations, Vows, Covenants, Remonstrances, Decla-
rations, Obligations, Allegiance, the Laws of the Land, the
principles of the Protestant Religion, and dissenting voter,
protestations, dissuasions of the secluded Lords, Commons,
Scots Commissioners, London Ministers; the intercessions
of forein States and our 3. whole Kingdoms,) together
with 3. Protestant Peers soon after: After that, close im-
prisoned my self, Sir *William Waller*, Sir *William Lewes*,
Major General Brown, with sundry other Members divers
years in remote Castles, without any hearing, examination,
cause expressed, or the least reparation for this unjust op-
pression; exercising far greater Tyranny over the Peers, their
old fellow Members, and all English Freemen, during the
time of their Regality in every kind, than the beheaded King
or the worst of his predecessors; Were not by a most just,
divine retaliation and providence (when they deemed them-
selves most secure and established) even for these their tran-
scendent Treasons, Perjuries, Tyrannies, violations of the
Rights, Privileges of Parliament, their own sacred Oaths,
Protestation, League, Covenant, suddenly dissolved, disso-
pated, thrust out of doors, *Apr.* 20. 1653. by *Cromwel* and the
Army Officers in a forcible shamefull manner, with whom
they confederated all along, though they received new com-
missions from, & engaged to *be true & faithful to it & without a*
King

King or House of Lords, and branded by them to posterity in their printed Declaration, *Apr.* 20. 1653. "as the corrupt "unjust, and worst of men; intollerably oppressing the peo- "ple, carrying on their own ambitious designes, to perpe- "tuate themselves in the Parliamentarie and Supreme Au- "thoritie, the archest Trust breakers, Apostates, never answe- "wering the ends which God, his people, and the whole "Nation expected from them, &c. "Col. *Harrison* himself (the Chairman at *Windsor* Committee to secure us) being the very person imployed by *Cromwell* to pull their *Speaker Lenthall out of the chair*, and turn him with his Companions out of doors; *Cromwell* himself then stigmatizing Sir *Henry Vane*, *Henry Martyn*, *Tom Challoner* and others of them by name, with the Titles of *Knave*, *Whoremaster*, *Drunkard*, &c. And not long after to requite his good Services, he suddenly turned Col. *Harrison*, *Rich*, and their party out of the Commons House by Force, dissolved their Anti-Parliamentary Conventicle (elected only by the Army) *Dec.* 11. 1653. whiles they were *seeking God* for direction; and soon after cashiered both these * Colonels, (his former greatest Instruments) out of the Army, sent them close Prisoners to remote Castles garded with Army Troops; And as they and their Troops when they seized *Major General Brown*, with other Members besides, and conducting them to *Windsor* Castle, & other Prisons, refused to acquaint them whether they were to be sent. So Mr. *Jessop* the Clerk of their Counell of State, (who brought these Colonels to the Coach at *Whitehall* garden-door, when they were conveyed to remote Castles) and their Conductors, denied to inform them to what places they were committed; whereupon they cried out to the Troopers which garded them; *Gentlemen, is this the Liberty you and we have fought for, to be sent close Prisoners to remote Garrisons from our wives and families, they will not tell us whether? Will you suffer your own Colonels, Officers, who have fought for Law, Liberties, & have been Members of Parl. to be thus used?* To which they answered, as themselves did in the like case to other secluded Members, conducted by them: *We are commanded, and must obey, not dispute*

b see their Declarations and Papers of April 20. And August 12. 1653. And true State of the Commonwealth of England p. 8, to 12.

* As he did Col. Overton, Okey, and sundry others.

disputes our Orders; and so were hurried away: as an eye and ear-witness of the old Parliament related to me within one hour after. Yea young Sir, Hen. Vane himself, the bold prejudger of our Debates and Votes in the House touching the King's concessions, if not a promoter of our unjust seclusion, for it) was unexpectedly & suddenly, not only thrust out from all his Imployments, as well as out of the House, but sent close Prisoner by Cromwel to Carisbrook castle in the Ile of Wight, the very place where he betrayed his trust to the King and Parliament at the Treaty, to gratify Cromwel, who by an extraordinary strange providence, sent him close Prisoner thither for sundry months, to *meditate upon this divine retaliation. Whether may not all this dissolved Junto and its Members, from these wonderful Judgements, providences, now conclude and cry out with that heathen cruel Tyrant Adonibezek, Judg. 1. 7. As I have done, so God hath requited me? And acknowledge the truth of Gods Comminations against all treacherous betrayers & potent oppressors of their Brethren, Obad. 15. As thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee, thy reward shall return upon thine own head. Ps. 7. 15, 16. He made a pit and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made; his mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing upon his own pate. Rev. 13. 9, 10. If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into Captivity, shall go into Captivity. He that killeth with the Sword, shall be killed with the Sword. Here is the patience, and faith of the Saints. O that all real and pretended Saints in the dissolved Junto and Army would now consider and believe it: as I tely prested them to do, in the close of my Good Old Cause truly stated, and the false Uncased, yet they would not regard it.

* See his retired Mans (unintelligible) Meditations.

a. Whether their illegal forcible wresting the Militia of the Kingdom totally out of the Kings hands into their own; as their only security to sit in safety; and perjurious engaging all Officers, Soldiers of the Armie in England, Scotland, and Ireland, to be true, faithful, and constant to them without a King, or House of Lords (by subscriptions in parchment Rolls returned to them under all their hands) contrary to their former Votes, Declarations, Remonstrances, Protestations,

tions, Oaths, Vows, Covenants, Truste, yea the very writs, returns which made them Members, their own Souldiers, Army-Officers first Commissions, Declarations, Remonstrances, Propositions and depending on this [illegible] of flesh, or broken reed of Egypt, as a most sure invincible Guard, security, from all forces, and enemies whatsoever that might assaule, dishouse, dethrone them from their usurped supreme Regal and Parliamentary Authority over the three Nations, and their Hereditary Kings, whereby would not have to reign over them; hath not been most exemplarily and eminently requited by Gods avenging providence, in making the very self-same Army most treacherous and perfidious to themselves, to rise up, rebell against them several times, and turn them out of House, power on a sudden when they seemed themselves most secure, to make themselves more than Kings and Lords over them and our whole 3 Kingdoms; and An host of the High ones that are on high upon the earth: reviving that Attaxie, which Solomon complained of as a great error in Government, and a divine judgement upon the Authors of State innovations. Eccles. 10. 6, 7, 8. Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place. I have seen servants on horseback, and Princes walking as Servants upon the earth. He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it, and who so breaketh a hedge a Serpent shall bite him: Whosoever removeth stones shall be hurt therewith, and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby. Whether that Curse and judgement, Jer. 17. 5, 6. Thus saith the Lord, cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord: For he shall be like the bush in the desart, and shall not see when good cometh, but shall inherit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land, and not inhabited, hath not justly befallen them & our Nation, for relying on & exalting so [illegible] flesh, and arm of [illegible] unfaithfull & treacherous men, whom themselves taught, encouraged to be treacherous, perfidious to the King, Parl. Lords, their fellow-Members; and thereby to themselves, & devoted, called them up for their faithfull Army Saviours, Deliverers, Defenders, Shields, and safeguard, often they had drunk treacherously with themselves,

g Jer. 17. 5.
h Isay 36. 6.
* Lu. 19. 27.
i Isay 24. 21.
Jer. 9. 2, &c.

selves, and all their other Superiors; and proved like *Ephraim* to the *Israelites* who trusted on them: *When they stayed themselves by the hand, thou didst break and pierce through the hand, and rent all their shoulders, and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest and madest all their loins to be at a stand*; yea, dissolved, and *broke them in pieces like a potters vessel, so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it, a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or water out of the pit.* And may we not give up this Song of the Lamb? Rev. 15. 3, 4. *Great and marvellous are thy works Lord God Almighty; Just and true are thy ways thou King of Saints; who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorifie thy name, for thy Judgements are made manifest?*

Isay 36. 6. Ezeck. 29. 7.

m Isay 30. 14.

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Whether their clandestine, sudden, indirect stealing into the Commons House again, *May* 7. 1659. upon the Army-Officers invitation and Declaration, (who formerly turned them out of it with high just infamie, contempt and detestation *April* 20. 1653.) after about 6. years dissolution, and 3. intervenient *Unparliamentary* Conventicles, (wherein many of them sat as Members, and acted as in Parliament) by pretext of their old Writs and Elections as Members of that long Parliament, actually and legally dissolved by their own voluntary out-wearing of the King near 12. years before, as I have formerly proved, without any new Writs of Summons, Returnations, Elections, or the privitie of their former Electors or fellow Members: Their forcible excluding not only Sir *George Booth*, Mr. *Ash*, all formerly secluded Members, and others not sitting with them from 1648. till *April* 20. 1659. by Army-Officers and Guards of Souldiers placed at the door for that end, and their justification, and continuing of this new seclusion as well as the old: Their usurping to themselves the Title, Power of the Militia, and Supreme Authority of the Nation: Their overlording both the Highest Regal, Parliamentary, Legislative, Taximposing Authority over our Nations, (the work, highest aim of all other Parliaments) their erecting new unheard of Treasons, Crimes by their bare Proclamations, imposing Laws intollerable

* In Prynne the Member reconciled to Prynne the Barrester. A Legal Vindication against illegal Taxes. A True and perfect Narrative, p. 24, to 30. A brief necessary Vindication of the old and new secluded Members, p. 6.

collerable Taxes, Excises, Militeses on the whole Nation, against all Laws, and our Fundamental Liberties, Franchises. Their most injurious, illegal, unprecidented proclaiming of Sir *George Booth*, Sir *Thomas Middleton*, with other old and new secluded Members of the long Parliament, and all their adherents, Druytors, Enemies to the Commonwealth, and Apostates, not only in all Counties and Corporations, but Churches and Chapels too throughout the Nation, to abuse both God and men, only for raising forces by virtue of Ordinances and Commissions granted them by the long Parliament (which themselves pretended to be still continuing) to defend the Rights and Privileges of Parliament, to call in all the surviving Members of both Houses to sit with them, or procure a free and full Parl. duly summoned, according to the Protestation, Vow, League, Covenant, and Laws of the Land, being their own and the whole Nations Birthright; for defence whereof the Army it self was both raised, continued, and themselves in their Proclamation of *May* 7. 1659. and Declaration of *March* 17. 1648 promised inviolably to maintain; which their own consciences knew to be no Crime nor Treason at all, but an honest, legal, honorable, necessary undertaking, justified by all their former Votes, Orders, Ordinances, Commissions for raising forces against the Kings party for the self-same end: And themselves greater Traitors, Enemies to the Kingdom and Republike, than *Strafford*, *Canterbury*, or the beheaded King, in proclaiming their defence of this undoubted Inheritance of all English Freemen against their Tyrannical usurpations thereon, to be Treason and Apostacy. Their sending out of Major Gen. *Lambert*, (who invited them into the House *May* 6. conducted them into it, but secluded Sir *G. Booth* & other Members out of it, *May* 7. took a new Commission from them afterwards in the House, and promised with many large expressions, *to be true, faithfull, constant, and yield his utmost assistance to them, to sit in safety and support their power*) with great forces against Sir *George Booth* and all his adherents in this cause, being the *Majority of the old Part* and of the people of the

Nation, & the true old Parliament if continuing, to levie Armes against them; declared high Treason by sundrie Votes and former Declarations, and so resolved by themselves in their Impeachments against the beheaded King, the E. of Holland, L. Capel, others and late Pamphlets against the Army; who accordingly levied warr against them, routed their forces, reduced their Garisons, imprisoned their persons, sequestred, confiscated their estates as Traitors; secured, disarmed Sir Will. Waller, Mr. Holles, with sundrie other old Members, promised rewards for bringing in the persons or heads of others they endeavoured to secure against all rules of Law, and Christianitie; kept a publike humiliation for their good successe against Sir George Booth and his adherents, and after their defeat a publike thanksgiving through Westminster and London, to mock God himself (*who will not be mocked*) to his very face, and ordained a publike thanksgiving throughout the whole Nation, to abuse both God and them, for their Great Deliverance from the most Dangerous Plot and Treason of Sir George Booth, and his party; (to bring in all the old Members to sit with them, without turning those then sitting out, or to procure a free Parliament,) that so their Anti-Parliamentary Conventicle, by this pretext, might exercise a Perpetual Tyrannie, and Parliamental Authority over them and none thenceforth dare demande full and free Parliament for the future, under pain of highest Treason, Apostacie, and the losse of their very Heads and estates. Whether all these their transcendent High Treasons, with their former 1648. against the K. secluded Members, Lords, Parliament, people, were not by a most signal miraculous Providence and Justice of God himself recompenced immediately after upon their own, Lamberts, and other Armie-Officers heads, by making their troubling of Sir George Booth and his party, after their first thanksgiving for it, before the next day of general thanksgiving came, the very occasion of their sudden unexpected dissolution: 1. By over-powring Lamberts, his Officers and Brigades Spirits, (notwithstanding the signal Marks and Rewards of their Favours towards them, for the present, and future promises of advancement

* Exact Coll. p. 576, 613. A Collection of Ordinances, p. 13. 219, 210.

* Gal. 6, 7.

vancement for their *Fidelity to them in the Service*) to enter into contestations with them by their Petition and Representations. 3ly. By raising the differences and jealousies between them to such a height and open enmitie, notwithstanding all their large *Votes* & compliances to satisfie them, all means, mediations of Friends, and the *Londoners* publike Feast on their thanksgiving day, to reconcile them; as to incense the Junto to vote *Major Harrison* (a chief agent, Chairman for the old Members first seclusion) *uncapable of any publike Trust or Office*: to vote *Lambert*, *Disbrow*, *Creed*, and 6. more field Officers *out of their commands*, null their *Commissions*, and dispose of their *Regiments* to the next Officers, without any hearing or examination; if not threatning to commit *Lambert* to the Tower as a Traytor; to repeal *Fleetwood's* Commission and *Knack* to be Lieutenant General of their Forces in *England* and *Scotland*; and put the command of the Army and new Militia under 7. Commissioners, to wrest the power of them both into their own hands. 4ly. By exasperating *Lambert* and his confederates by these Votes so far against them, & giving them such favour with the Armie, as to draw up the greatest part of the forces about *London* in battel array against them; and notwithstanding their partie in the Armie, whereof they had made many of themselves Colonels, their interest in the Militia of *Westminster*, *London*, *Southwark*, and Sir *Henry Vane's* two Regiments of *Gathered Churches* (who were disgregated and kept their *Chambers* all that day, not one of them appearing in the field, because their valiant *Colonel* took a *Clyster pipe* into his fundament, instead of a Lance into his hand in the day of battel, and durst not hazard a broken pate in the quarrel;) and then in a hostile warlike manner to besiege many of them in *Whitehall*, block up all passages to the House, seise upon their old Speaker with his Coach, Mace, and new General (without a Sword, Armie, Troop of Company) from whose hands they had freshly received their Commissions, turning him back from whence he came; to charm all the Juntoes forces so, as to march away without drawing one sword, or shooting one bullet in their defence, so *true*, *faithful*, were they to their *good old cause*,

a see the Armies Plea and Declaration, 27 October. The printed Votes, Diurnals, and Parliaments Plea.

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as well as to their New *Protectors*, as to deem neither of them worth one bloodie nose. 4. By engaging *Lambert* and his party, notwithstanding all endeavoured and seeming accommodations between them, to seise upon their House, and their provisions of ammunition and victuals in it: to lock up the doors, and keep constant Guards upon the stairs to seclude all these their new Lords and Masters, as they did on *May* 7, 9. & afterwards seclude their fellow-Members; and not content herewith, by a printed *Plea for the Army*, and *Declaration of the General Council of the Army, sitting at* Wallingford House, which called them in, and thus shamefully not long after turned them out of doors, usurping to themselves both a Regal Authority to call and dissolve Parliaments, (as they repute and stile them) and a Parliamental too, in making and repealing Acts of Parliament (as they deem them) at their pleasure; they not only justifie this their forcible ejectment, seclusion to all the world by *Lex talionis*, even their own abetting, approving, justifying the *Armies* former seclusion of the *Major part* of their fellow Members, *who were the House, and the whole House of Lords, and securing the leading Members, when overpowred by them*, and appealing to the Armies Judgements therein: but also put a period to their Assemblie: *branded, nulled, repealed, declared their last Votes, Acts, Proceedings void to all intents & purposes whatsoever, as if they had never been made*; Censured them as *imperfect, unlawful, irregular, unparliamentary, illegal, pernicious, rash, inconsiderate*; branding each other in several printed Papers, *for Traytors, Truth-breakers, Treacherous, Perfidious, Faithless, Unrighteous, Ambitious, Self-seeking usurpers of the Soveraign power, Oppressors of the free people of* England, & *invaders, betrayers of their Liberties & Birthrights*: thereby declaring the old secluded Members the only *honest, faithful, constant, conscientious men, adhering to their good old Cause, Oaths, Covenant, Principles*, and the publique interest, & Sir *George Booth* himself to be *no Traytor*, but truer *Patriot of his Country* than any of themselves; as dying Parties, openly acknowledged before his death, and others of them confesse in private, since even *Lambert* himself hath done

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and exceeded that work, they feared he would doe, by dissolving their *Conventicle*, and *turning them out of house and power*, which Sir *George* did not design. Whether all these strange, unparalleld, sudden, unexpected animosities, divisions between themselves; their uncommissioning, dissolving, cashiering, disoffycing one another, (which I truly predicted to them from Scriptures, and former Providences, in my *Good Old Cause truly stated*; my *True and Perfect Narrative*, p. 94. 98. and *Vindication of the old and new secluded Members*, p. 61. 62.) *be not the very finger of God himself, the Lord's own doing, truly marvellous in all our eyes*; yea the very particular Judgements menaced by God himself against all such Traitors and Innovators, as most audaciously and professedly violate with the highest hand this divine precept, Prov. 24. 21. 22. *My Son fear thou the Lord and the King, and meddle not with those that are given to change; for their Calamity shall suddenly arise, and who knoweth the ruine of them both?* and a verification of Prov. 29. 1? If not a divine infliction of the very Confusion and punishment denounced by God himself against *Ægypt* of old for their crying sins, Isay. 19. 2. 3. &c. *I will set the Ægyptians against the Ægyptians, and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour, City against City, and Kingdom against Kingdom: And the Spirit of Ægypt shall fail in the midst thereof, and I will destroy the Counsel thereof.* *Surely the Princes of Zoan* (the Junto and Armies General Council) *are become fools, the Princes of Noph are deceived; they have seduced Egypt* (even *England*) *to erre in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit. Neither shall there be any work for Ægypt, which the head or tayl, branch or rush may do*, or defend or establish themselves on their pretended yet usurped Free State. And may not they all then and others from the consideration of all the premisses, justly cry with the Apostle in an holy admiration, Rom. 11. 33. *O the depth of the Riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!* how

a Exod. 8. 19. Psa. 118. 23.

how unsearchable are his Judgements, and his ways past finding out.

4. Whether the Junto and their High Court of Injustice-men, who had any hand, vote in the Traiterous, Perfidious beheading of their late Protestant King, the head of the Parliament; dissolving and blowing up the whole House of Lords, the Majority of the Commons House, the whole old Parliament, Kingdom, Kingship, the *Prince of Wales* next heir and successor to the Crown, the rights, privileges, freedom of Parliament, the fundamental Laws, Liberties, Government of the Nation, and our established Protestant Religion, against all their Oathes, Allegiances, Trusts, Duties, Votes, Declarations, Remonstrances, Protestations, Vows, Solemn Leagues, Covenants obliging them to the contrary; can with any faith, boldness, confidence, piety, or real devotion appear before the presence of God, Angels, Men in any of our Congregations on the 5. of *November*, *the joyful day of our deliverance from the Popish Gunpowder Treason*, publikely celebrated every year, to render publike thanks to *Almighty God, and ascribe all honour, glory and praise to his name, for his great and infinite mercy in delivering the King, Queen, Prince, Lords spiritual and temporal there assembled in the Lords House Nov. 5. An. 1650.* from this plot of *malicious devilish Papists, Jesuites & Seminary Priests, who maligning the happiness and prosperity of our Realms, Church and Religion under a Protestant King, and its promising continuance to all posterity, in his most hopeful, royal, pleasant Progeny, contrived to blow them all up Fatally with gunpowder, but were through Gods great mercy miraculously delivered from this [illegible] Treason, by a wonderful discovery thereof some few hours before it was to be executed*; when as themselves have outstripped them by many degrees in executing, accomplishing far more than what they only intended, but could not effect; yet repute themselves *Protestants*, and the *ruthenists of all Saints*? Whether they can without the [illegible] of horror of conscience, confusion of face, confternation of mind, and grief of heart, henceforth [illegible] to appear before the presence of God, or any English

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Protestants at any time, especially on this day, before they have publickly lamented, confessed, repented, and made some open eminent satisfaction, for those transcendent new Gunpowder-Treasons far worse than the old of the *Jesuits* and *Papists*, by whom they were acted in this; especially if they consider Gods expostulation with such sinners. Ps. 50. 16, 17. *What hast thou to do to declare my Statutes, or that thou shouldest take my Covenant in thy mouth? Seeing thou hatest Instruction, and hast cast my words behind thee.* When thou sawest these Powder-Traytors, *thou consentest with them, and hast been partaker with these Murderers, and Adulterers.* And that of Rom. 2. 1, 2, 3. *Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thy self: For thou that judgest, dost the same things. But we know that the judgement of God is according to Truth, against those who commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same,* (may worse) *that thou shalt escape the judgement of God, &c?*

5. Whether these turn-coat Peace-abhorring, self-seeking, shameless Members, and Lawyers, who (though not fifty in numbers) sitting under a force after the seclusion of the Majority of their fellow-Members, Decemb. 13. 1648. *resolved*, that the Vote passed in a full House *July* 28. 1648. *That a Treaty should be had in the Isle of Wight, with the King in Person, by a Committee appointed by both Houses, upon the Propositions presented to him at Hampton-Court:* was highly Dishonorable to the proceedings of Parliament, and destructive to the Peace of the Kingdom. And *that the Vote of* 5. *Decemb.* 1648. (passed without dividing the House when there were 300 *Members* in it) *That the answers of the King to the Propositions of both Houses, are a sufficient ground for the Houses to proceed upon, for the settlement of the Peace of the Kingdom:* is highly dishonorable to the Parliament, and destructive to the Peace of the Kingdom, and tending to the breach of the publick faith of the Kingdom. And in their Declaration of 18. *January* 1648. expressing their Reasons for annulling and vacating these Votes in this manner; declared them to be highly repugnant to the glory of God, greatly dishonorable to the proceedings

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*These Voters certainly intended to make an endless trade of Warr, and never to have any Peace.

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proceedings of Parliament, and apparently destructive to the good of this Kingdom: (adding) Yet we are resolved, and that speedily, to settle the peace of the Kingdom by the authority of Parliament in a more happy way than can be expected from the last of Kings; Which they never since performed in the least degree, but the direct contrarie, embroiling us in endless Warr, Seditions, Tumults, Successions, Revolutions of new-modelled Governments, & oppressing, destructive Anti-Parliamentary Conventicles ever sithence. After that suppressed our *King* and *Kingly Government*, as the *Instruments, Occasions* of Tyranny, Injustice, Oppression, Luxury, Prodigality and Slavery to the Commons *under them*; together with the whole *House of Lords*, as Dangerous, Useless, Dilatory to the Proceedings of Parliament, &c. in their Votes of Febr. 6. and * *Declaration* of 17 *Martii* 1648. expressing the grounds of their late Proceedings, and stiling the Government intended by a *Free State*, Viz. as prescribed, subscribed *as Engagement to be true and faithfull to the Commonwealth established by them without a King or House of Lords*. Yet afterwards in their New modelled Parliament (as they requested) *April* 1659. by their *Petition and Advice*, (as first penned, passed and presented to *Cromwell* for his assent) declared the revival of Kingship and Kingly Government, absolutely necessary for composing the distractions, and settling the peace and tranquillity of our Nations; *studied, pretended, and professed how to accept the Name, Title, Power and Prerogative Authority of a King, after our Ancient Manner, and the Dominion thereunto annexed*, Voted him (as King) thereof, with a constant revenue of no less than Twelve hundred thousand pounds a year in perpetuity, and five hundred thousand pounds more for 3. years space, out of the peoples exhausted purses, after most of the ancient Crown-lands and Revenues (which when they themselves assessed and published in their Book of *Rates* 1656. p. 19. as the *just, liable, legal Revenue of the Crown under King Charls*. besides the Customs and some other perquisites) were chearfully with the maintenance of the Navie and Forts) *full forty of one hundred thousand pounds yearly*. This new-augmented Revenue for their New King *Olivers*

* Penned by Mr. Whitlock.

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suppose being above 3. times more than any of our lawful Kings ever enjoyed. And when *Cromwell*, pretended dissatisfaction *in point of conscience*, to receive the *Kingship* and *Kingly Government* on him; the very * Lawyers, Members, Officers, who drew the *Declaration* and *Reasons* for abolishing Kingship, Kingly Government and House of Lords, were the Committee appointed to satisfie him 3. several times, & draw up reasons to satisfie him, why he might and ought in reason, law, policie, conscience to accept the Kingship and Kingly Title, for his own and the publike Safety. Which he refusing (against his * desire) they erected him their *Royal Protector*, took an *Oath to be true and faithfull to him*, and to his Son *Richard* after him, and treat with all Officers *against their Persons or Power*; created themselves *Another House*, assumed to themselves the Title of *Lords*, and THE HOUSE OF LORDS, notwithstanding their Engagements against it, under all their hands. Yet soon after dethroned their young Protector, nulled all his Conventions wherein they sate, with all Lordships, Knighthips, and Offices granted by their Protectors, as illegal; revived their Anti-Parliamentary *Junto*, after it had layen buried in oblivion above 6 years space, in *May* last; and in *July* following prescribed a New Oath and Engagement to all Officers, & others who would enjoy the benefit of their Knack of Indemnity; *To be true, faithful and constant to the Commonwealth* (though yet unborn) *without a Single person, Kingship or House of Lords.* Whether such *treacherous, perjured double-minded men, unstable in all their ways*, Jam. 1. 8. can ever be deemed *chosen instruments* ordained of God, to settle the Peace, or Government of our Nations? Whether the Prophet *Isay* c. 59. and the Apostle *Paul*, *Rom.* 3. 9. 10. &c. have not truly characterized them: *There is none righteous, no not one; there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God*; they are all gone out of the way, they are all together become unprofitable, there is none that doth good, no not one: *their throat is an open Sepulcher, with their Tongues they use Oathes, Protestations, Declarations, Covenants; the poyson of Asps is under their lips: Their feet are swift to shed blood,* (the

* Lenthall, Whitlock, &c.

* through fear of some Army Officers.

blood of their Protestant King, Peers, Brethren, Allies, Fellow-Subjects, by Land and Sea, at home and abroad, in the field, and in new Butcheries of Highest Injustice, Destruction and misery are in their wayes; and the way of peace they have not known; there is no fear of God before their eyes: they have made them crooked pathes, whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth Justice overtake us; we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness: we grope for the wall like the blind, as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noon-day, as in the night; we are in desolate places like dead men: we roar all like Bears, and mourn sore like doves; we look for judgement, but there is none, for salvation, but it is far off from us.

6. Whether God himself hath not given the *Anti-Parliamentary Junto*, and *General Council of Army Officers* hitherto, in their *Jesuitical Project* of bringing forth a misshapen monstrous *Commonwealth*, and whymsical *Freestate*, to establish things amongst us, a *miscarrying womb*, and *dry breasts*; so as we may justly say of them as the Prophet did of *Ephraim*, Hos. 9. 12, 14, 15, 16. *Ephraim is smitten, their root is dryed up, it shall bear no fruit; yea, though they bring forth, yet will I even slay the beloved fruit of their womb: their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception*; as their Commonwealth whimsies have done? Whether Gods signal *over-turning* and forcible dissolving the *Juntto* by the *Army Officers*, twice one after another in the very generation of this *Jesuitical brat*, before it was formed in the womb, to disinherit our antient hereditarie legitimate Kings and Kingship, and *their turning of all things upside down* (our Kings, Kingdoms, Parliaments, Lords House, Lawes, Liberties, Oathes, Church, Religion, to make way for its production) hath not been like the *Potters clay*, (a rude deformed Chaos, without any lineaments, or shape at all;) so as the work yet saith of him that *made it, he made me not*; and the thing formed saith of him that *formed it, he hath no understanding*, Isa. 29. 16? Whether these new Babel-builders, while they have been building

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ing this new *City and Tower*, to keep them from *being scattered upon the face of the whole earth*; * have not like the old *Babel-builders*, been confounded in their language by God himself, *that they might not understand one anothers speech, and scatter abroad thence upon the face of the earth*, though guarded by their faithfull Army, on whom they relyed for protection, *so that they left off to build their Babel*, like them? *Their City of Confusion is broken down, & every house* (yea their own Parl. House) *shut up; In the City is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.* Isay 24. 10, 12. *It shall lie waste from generation to generation, none shall passe through it for ever and ever; But the Cormorant & the Bittern shall possess it; the Owl also & the Raven shall dwell in it, and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness?* Whether their and the Armies endeavours to set up an Vtopian Commonwealth, instead of our old Hereditarie Kingship, is *not a direct fighting against God*, and the *expresse precepts, ordinances of God himself*, Prov. 24. 21, 22. c. 30. 28. c. 8. 15, 16. Rom. 13. 1, 2, 1 Tim. 2. 1, 2, 3. Tit. 3. 1. 1 Pet. 2. 13, 17? Yea against the good providence, mercie, favour of God towards our Kingdome and Nations for their establishment; *the want of a lawfull, hereditary King, to reign over a Kingdom and Nation, and a multiplicity of Governors, Kings*, (especially of inferiour rank) and reducing the people to such a confused sad condition; *That they shall call the Nobles thereof to the Kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her Princes shall be nothing; so that she hath no strong rod left to Rule*, being a matter of *present and future lamentation, a severe judgment of God for their sins, and wickednes, yea an occasion of all wickednesse, licentiousnesse, villanies, confusion, and an immediat forerunner or concomitant of the Kingdoms and Nations desolation, ruine by Gods own resolution*, Hos. 3. 4. c. 10. 3. 7. Ezech 49. 11, 12. 14. Isa. 33. 11, 12, 13. Judges 17. 6 &c. c. 18. 1. &c. c. 21. 25. Prov. 28. 2. c. 30 21, 12. Hab. 1. 10. 14, 15. And is it not so now of ours?

* Gen. 11. 3, 10.

* Acts 5. 39. c. 23. 9.

* see my True and perfect Narrative, p. 91, 93.

7. Whether the late Petition and Advice 1657. to reduce us again to a Kingdom and Kingship, to which *W. Lenthal, Speaker, Whitlock*, and many others of the dissolved *Junto* assented 7

assented, as it was first penned, voted, passed by them and many Army-Officers, as the only meant to settle us in peace, honor, safety, prosperitie; be not a convincing Argument, that in their own Judgements, Consciences, Kings & Kingly Government, are *England's* only true Interest, to end our wars, Oppressions, distractions, prevent our ruine, and restore our pristine unitie, peace, honor, safety, properitie, trade, glorie? And whether it be not a worse than *Bedlam Madness*, yea grosse error both in policie and experience in our Republican Juncto and Army-Officers, to endeavour to erect an Utopian, Jesuitical Republike among us, (which hath produced so many sad publique changes, confusions, and made us a meer floating Iland, tossed about with every winde of giddy-brain Innovators) as the only meanes of our firm, lasting happinesse; and to prevent all future relapses to Monarchie after King *Charls* his beheading; which this notable censure of the incomparable Philosopher* *Seneca* passed against that great *Republican* and *Anti-royallist*, M. Brutus, will abundantly refute. *Cum Vir magnus fuerit in aliis*, M. Brutus, *mihi videtur in hoc re vehementer errare, qui aut* Regis *nomen extimuit, cum optimus Civitatis Status sub Rege justo sit: aut ibi speravit Libertatem futuram ubi tam magnum præmium erat, et imperandi et serviendi; futuramque ibi æqualitatem civilis juris, et Staturas suo loco Leges, ubi videret tot Pilis hominum pugnantia, non nè servitet, sed ut?* our present condition between the ambitious, usurping Antiparliamentary Juncto, and divided Army-Commanders, all contending which **of them shall be the greatest*, and who shall most oppress, enslave our Nations to their Tyrannie, farr more exorbitant than the very worst of all our Kings) *Quantum verò illum, aut rerum natura, aut urbis suæ tenuit oblivio* Qui uno interempto (*Rege*) defuturum credidit alium putidum bellet; *Cum* Tarquinius *esset inventus* post tot Reges ferro et fulmine ocisos; even in *Rome* it self, and we in *England* since the beheading of King CHARLES, and voting down *Kings*, *Kingship*, with the old *House of Lords*, and *Ingagements* against them,

* De Beneficiis, l. 2. c. 20.

* Mark 9. 34. Luke 9. 46. c. 22. 24.

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have soon after found, a more than Royal Protector OLIVER, usurping the Wardship of our poor *Infant Country*-*death*, aspiring after a *Kingship* and Crown whiles living; and crowned in his *Statue, Herse, Scutcheons* as both KING and *CONQUEROR of our three Kingdoms after his death; bearing *Three Crowns* upon his Sword, as an emblem of it: a momentanie *Protector Richard* after him; a new self-created *other House*, assuming to themselves the Title of LORDS & THE HOUSE OF LORDS; after an old Lords House suppressed; since that, a *CHARLES FLEETWOOD*, and *JOHN LAMBERT*, aspiring after the *Soveraign Power*, as their late and present actions, Declarations more than intimate, and dissolved Junto affirm: and an exiled Hereditarie KING *CHARLES*, with a numerous ROYAL POSTERITIE after him, claiming the *Crown and Kingship* by *lawfull indubitable Right*, declared, ratified by the Unrepealed Statutes of 1 *Jacobi*, c. 1. 3 *Jacobi*, c. 1, 2, 4; 7 *Jacobi* c. 6. the *Oathes of Supremacy, Allegiance, Fealty, of all Mayors, Recorders, Freemen of every Corporation and Fraternity, of all Justices, Judges, Sheriffs (Officers) of Justice, Graduates in Universities or Inns of Court, Ministers, Incumbents*, all Members of the Commons House of Parliament, and all other Freemen sworn in our Leets; who by the powerfull assistance of their forein Friends and Allies, and domestick oppressed, discontented, divided, ruined Subjects, will in all probabilitie be restored to the Crown, sooner or later, (as *Aurelius Ambrosius* after the murder of his *Father* and *Brother* by the Usurper *Vortigerne*,) was called in, restored and crowned King by his own *British* Subjects, to deliver them from *Vortigerns* and his *invading Saxon Tyranny*, after 20 years usurpation; and *Edward the Confessor*, called in and crowned King by his Nobles and Subjects, after 25 *years dispossession* of his right by the *Danish Usurpers*, and all the *Danes* expelled, without any *effusion of blood*; as I have* *elsewhere* evidenced at large out of our best Historians.

* The sexton's boy at Westminster, who shewed his Herse, at first said, Here is the Herse of Oliver late Protector; THE CONQUEROR OF ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & IRELAND, whose CROWNS he bears upon his SWORD: and said he had order to say so.

* See my Concordia Discors

* see my Legal Historical Vindication, &c.

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8 Whether Gods extraordinarie sudden treble miraculous overturning 1. of the Jacobo when best established almost secure, after their victorious Successes against the *Irish Rebels*, *Hollanders*, *Worcester-fight*, and League with *Spain* by their own Gen. *Cromwel* Apr. 20. 1653. 2. Of Pres. * *Richard* & his Brother *Hen.* too Deputy of *Irel.*) by his brother *Fleetw.* Unkle *Disbrow*, & other Army-Officers, after all their *Oaths*, and Addresses to him from them and all the *Officers, Soldiers, Navy, most Counties, Corporations* in *England, Scotland, Ireland*, to be true, faithful, loyal, obedient &c. and live and die with him, in the midst of his *Parliament*, declaring, voting for, and complying with him; when most men thought it impossible to overturn or depose him. 3ly. Of the revived Antiparliamentary Junto, after Sir *George Booth*, and all their visible Opposites total rout and disappointment, when themselves and others esteemed them so well rooted, guarded, that there was no hope nor possibility left of dissipating, dissolving them, or abolishing their usurped Regal and Parliamental power, even by the very instruments that called them in, and routed their Enemies; all 4. of them without any one drawn sword or drop of blood, be that in a moment, be not a real, experimental verification of Ezech. 21. 26, 27. by way of Allusion to our own Governours and Kingdom, *Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the Diadem, and take off the Crown, this shall not be the same; exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high: I will Overturn, Overturn, Overturn it, till he shall come whose right it is, and I will give it him?*

* Isay 14. 20. The seed of evil doers shall never be renowned.

* Ps. 30. 6, 7.

9 9. Whether the late *Taxes* and Army-Officers doubling, trebling, quadrupling of our Nations Monthly Taxes, Excises, Militias, Grievances, Oppressions of all kinds by their usurped power; their consumption, devastation of all the Crown-lands, Rents, and standing Revenues of the Kingdom; of Bishops, Dean and Chapters lands, and many thousands of Delinquents real and personal estates, and greatest part of most mens privat estates, only to make them greater Bondslaves to them than ever they were to any King; without benefiting or easing them in any kind; and so murder one another by intestine, unchristian warrs, Butcheries,

Butcheries: And their Monstrous Giddiness, Intoxications in all their premised Councils, New Models, and Rotations of Government, ever since they turned the *Head of our Kingdoms* (which should rule, direct the whole body) downwards, and the *Heels* uppermost, to animate and steer it, against the course of nature, the rules of Law, Policie, Christianitie: *and God's* * *hedging up* all their new *Wayes with thorns, and making a wall that them, that the people are not able to find their paths: nor to overtake, nor finde their New Lovers they have hitherto followed and sought after*; and those mad new whymsies the Jesuites infuse into their Pates from time to time, to make them and our Nation ridiculous to all the world till utterly destroyed: may not justly engage our three distracted Nations, and themselves too now, at a total loss; to resolve and say with the *Israelites*, (when revolted from their rightfull Kings of the House of *David*, in the like case) Hos. 2. 7. *I will go and return to my first Husband*; for then was it better with me than now? And to imitate the *Israelites* in the case of King *David* when expelled his Realm by his usurping son *Absolons* rebellion, after his rout and slaughter, 2 *Sam.* 19. 9, &c. *And all the people were at strife throughout all the Tribes of Israel, saying*; The King saved us out of the hands of our Enemies, *and he delivered us out of the hands of the Philistines*; and now he is fled out of the Land for Absolom, and Absolom *whom we anointed King over us, is dead in battel* (as their Pro. *Oliver*, Richard and dissolved Junto are in a moment) *now therefore why are ye silent, and speak not a word of bringing back the King to his House*: *And* Zadok *and* Abiathar *the Priests, spake unto the elders of* Judah *saying*; Why are ye the last to bring the King back to his House; *seeing ye are his brethren, of his bone and his flesh*? *And* Amasa *bowed the heart of all the men of* Judah, even as one man, so that they *sent this word unto the King*; Return thou and all thy servants. So the King returned to Jordan; *where all the people of* Judah, *and half the men of* Israel *met him, and conducted him safe to* Gilgal; *and the men of* Judah clave unto

* Hos. 2. 6, 7.

their King from Jordan even to Jerusalem; and re-established him in his Kingdom. Whether this be not the only safe, true, legal, prudential, Christian, speedy and ready high-way to their present and future Peace, Ease, Safety, Settlement, Wealth, Prosperity, both as Men and Christians, without any further effusion of Christian blood, expence of Treasure, not other new Vertiginous Models, Army Councils, Treaties, tending to further confusions; (out of which the Nobility, Gentry, Ministry, Freeholders, Citizens, Burgesses, Merchants, Commons, Sea men, Parliaments of our 3. Nations are totally secluded, like meer Cyphers, by the Junto and Army-usurpers, as if they were meer Aliens, and wholly unconcerned in their own Government, Settlement, who will never acquiesce in any thing, but what themselves in a free Parliament shall resolve on.) * Consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds, without fear, hypocrisy, or partiality. And whether we be not a people marked out and fitted for inevitable destruction (having all the symptoms, fore-runners of it and sins that hasten it now lying upon us) if we * brutishly reject this only means of our preservation, and follow the destructive whymsies of those Giddy-pated usurping raw Statesmen? of whom we may justly say with the Prophet Isai. 3. 1. 4, 12. Behold the Lord of Hosts doth take away from Jerusalem and Judah the stay and the staff, the Honourable man and the Counsellor: And I will give Children (in State-affairs and understanding) to be their Princes, and Babes shall rule over them. And the people shall be oppressed every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient; and the Base against the Honourable (as now they do.) O my people, they which lead thee, cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths, and they that are led of them (in their new Jesuitical By-wayes) are destroyed, by intestine divisions and forein invasions, as in Isai. 9. 12. to 21. A sad emblem of our present condition, and approaching destruction, worthy our saddest meditations.

* Judges 19. 30.

* understand ye brutish among the people: O ye fools, when will ye be wise? Ps. 94. 8.

10. Whether the twice dissolved Anti-Parliamentary Jun-

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&c. by their own Knack of the 12. of October, and paper printed by their special permission and command since their dissolution; inticuled, The Parliaments Plea; declaring resolving, p. 3, 6, 7. That the People of England are of Right a Free People, to be governed by their own elected Deputies and Trustees in Parliament; it being owned on all hands, both by Parliament and Army, and all the good people engaged with them, That the people under God are the original of all just Authority, and other original and foundation no man may lay. That to deprive or deny the People of this Inheritance, is Treason, Rebellion and Apostacy from the Good Old Cause of the English Nation, for as much as a people free by Birth, by Laws, and by their own Prowess, are thereby rendred and made most absolute vassals & slaves, at will & power; and greater Treason than this no man can commit. That to levy money upon the people without their consent in Parliament is Treason, for which every man that so assesses, Collects, or Gathers it, is to be Indicted for his life, and must dye as a Traytor; not only by their Knack, but by the Fundamental Good Old Laws of the Land, against which no By-law is to be made: this being a Fundamental Law, and one of the main birth-rights of England; That no Tax, or Levy is to be laid upon the people but by their consents in Parliament; Be not guilty of the greatest, highest Treason, Rebellion, and Apostacy, from the Good Old Cause of the English Nation, (and the Army-Officers too confederating with them) by depriving and denying the free people to be governed by their own elected Representatives and Trustees in a full & free Parl. by secluding four parts of five of the Knights, Citizens, Burgesses, & Barons of Ports out of the long Parl. whiles in being Dec. 1648. with armed power by usurping to themselves the Royal, Parliamentary Legislative supream Authority over the people, & * laying, assessing, levying, intolerable excessive Taxes; Excises, Militias upon them, without, yea against their consents & protestations; and without the consent of the fare greater part of the Commons House, the sitting & House of Lords, which they forcibly excluded, suppressed, [illegible]

* As the new Committee of Safety have presumed to impose a new Tax of, and quarter Soldiers on, the Denizens of it.

destroyed, against their fundamental Laws, Liberties, Privileges, Birth-rights, Protestations, Declarations and solemn League and Covenant, by making them most absolute slaves, vassals from 1648. till their dissolution in *April* 20. 1653. and invading, inslaving, destroying their Protestant brethren of *Scotland*, and Allies of *Holland* by Land and Sea, to the undermining, endangering of the Protestant Religion, by imposing *New Oaths* and engagements on them diametrically contrary to the Oathes of Supremacy and Allegiance (which they all solemnly took as Members before they entred the House) and disabling all to sue in any Court, or enjoy the benefit or protection of the Laws for which they fought, and to which they were born heirs, who refused to take their Treasonable, perfidious ingagements, by securing, imprisoning thousands of Freemen, close imprisoning sundry Members of the old Parliament, (my self amongst others) divers years in remote Castles, and keeping us from Gods publika ordinances, without any accusation, hearing, trial, or legal cause of commitment, expressed in their warrants.

By presuming upon the Army and Officers sodain invitation after the old Parliaments dissolution by the Kings death, and their above 6. years dissipation by the Army, without the election or privity of the people, to sit and act as the *Parl.* and supream power of the Nation; to seclude at least 3. parts of 4. of the old surviving Members by force, and proclaiming Sir *George Booth*, Sir *Thomas Middleton* and other Members and Freemen of *England* Traytors, and levying war against them, only for raising forces to induce them to call in all the old secluded Members, or to summon a new free Parliament, and for opposing their new illegal Taxes, Excises, Militias, imposed and levyed on the people, without their Common consent in Parl. deserve not to be all indicted, executed, and their estates confiscated as Traytors, for these their successive reiterated high Treasons by their own resolutions, & Sir *George* and his adherents totally acquitted from the least imputation or guilt of Treason, & by consequence from all Imprisonments, Sequestrations under which they now suffer,

ſuffer. Whether their branding, ſequeſtring them for *Traytors, Apoſtates, Enemies* to the publike, againſt Law and Conſcience too, hath not juſtly brought that woe & judgment upon their conventicle. Iſa. 5. 20, 23, 24. *Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkneſs for light, and light for darkneſs; that put bitter for ſweet, and ſweet for bitter; and take away the righteouſneſs of the righteous from him. Therefore as the fire devoureth the ſtubble, and the flame conſumeth the chaff, ſo their root ſhall be rottenneſs, and their bloſſom ſhall go up as duſt; becauſe they have caſt away the Law of the Lord, (and of the Land too) and deſpiſed the word of the holy one of Iſrael. For all this his wrath is not turned away, but his hand is ſtreched out ſtill.*

Whether the Anti-Parliamentary Juncto's and Army-Officers beheading of their late Proteſtant King, againſt the Votes, Proteſtations, of the generality of the Parliament and his 3. Proteſtant Kingdoms, & Medſations of all foreign Proteſtant Agents then in *England*; their baniſhing, expelling his Royal Proteſtant Heir, Succeſſor to the Crown, with all the reſt of his Children (profeſſing the reformed Religion) out of all their Proteſtant Realms & Dominions; their invading of their Proteſtant Brethren in *Ireland* and *Scotland*, in a hoſtile manner with potent Armies, & waging war againſt them in their own Countries, and after that againſt their own Proteſtant Brethren in *England*, as profeſſed Enemies, Traytors, Apoſtates; ſlaying divers thouſands of them in the field; imprisoning, baniſhing, diſinheriting, ſequeſtring many thouſands more of them, only for owning, crowning, aſſiſting their own hereditary Proteſtant King (according to their Oathes, Covenants, Laws, Homage, Allegeance, duties, and principles of the Proteſtant Religion) to regain and retain his Royal Authority and Kingdoms. Their waging of a moſt bloudy Gallimaſfry war with our antient Proteſtant Allies of *Holland* above 3. years ſpace together, to the ſlaughter of many thouſands of their & our gallanteſt Proteſtant Seamen, Admirals, Sea-Captains, of purpoſe to baniſh their own exiled Proteſtant King, his Brethren and followers out of 11.

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the Netherlands from the Societie and charitable relief of their Protestant Friends, where they lived as Exiles, enjoying the free profession of the Reformed Religion, and Communion, prayers, contributions of the Protestant Churches; on purpose to drive them into *Popish Quarters* amongst seducing *Jesuits, Priests, Papists*, to cast them wholly upon their Alms, Mercy, Benevolence, and by these high indignities, and their pressing necessities, to inforce them (if they can) to renounce the *Protestant Religion* and turn professed Papists: Their most inhuman, unchristian barbarism, in depriving them totally of all means of Subsistance, by selling all their revenues, without allowing them one farthing out of them towards their necessary relief; yet enacting it High Treason for any of their Protestant Subjects, Friends, Allies within their Realms or Dominions, to contribute any thing toward their *support, to hold the least correspondency with, or make any publique prayers unto God for them*: as if they were worse than *Turks, Jews, Infidels*, and most professed *Enemies*: for whom we are not only commanded to pray, but also to *love, feed, cloth, relieve, harbour them in their necessities, overcomming their evil with goodness by Christs own example and expresse precepts, under paine of everlasting damnation*; be a conscientious Saint-like performance of, and obedience to, or not rather an Atheisticall obstinate, presumptuous *rebellion* against the 1 Tim. 2. 1, 2, 3. Mat. 5. 44. 45. & 22. 21. c. 25. 34. to 46. Luke 6. 35. to 39. 26. 10. 30. 19. 38. c. 23. 34. Acts 7. 60. Rom. 10. 12. 13. 29. 21. c. 13. 1. 10. 12. 15. 26. 27. 1 Cor. 16. 1. 2. Jam. 2. 13. and other sacred Texts? A religious, zealous observation of their * sacred-solemn Protestations, Vows, Covenant, Remonstrances, Declarations, Oathes for the maintenance, defence & propagation of the true Reformed Protestant Religion, the Profession and Professors thereof against the bloody Plots, conspiracies, attempts, practises of the Jesuits, and other professed Popish Enemies and underminers of them? Or not rather a treacherous violation, abjuration, betraying of & confederating with, the Jesuits & Papists against the true Religion, & your Protestant Brethren, with a true heart, fervently, and laying down their

* See my *Concordia Discors.*

their lives for them, and being pitiful, merciful, compassionate towards them, according to these Gospel-precepts, Eph. 4. 32. c. 5. 1, 2. 1 Pet. 1. 22. c. 2. 17. c. 3. 8. 1 John 2. 11. 14, 33. c. 4. 7, 11, 12, 20, 21. John 13. 34. c. 15. 12, 17. Or not rather a shutting up their bowels of compassion towards them, a grieving, offending persecuting, murdering of their bodies & souls too; & an infallible evidence, that they are yet no real Saints or children of God; but the very children of the Devil abiding in death, having no true love of God, nor eternal life abiding in them, by Christs own resolution, John 8. 44, 45. 1 John 2. 13. to 18? A professed Antichristian contradiction to the reiterated command and voice of God from heaven, Isay 52. 11. 2 Cor. 6. 17. Rev. 18. 2, 3, 4, &c. Depart ye, depart ye, Come ye out of (mystical Romish Babylon, the mother of whoredoms, the habitation of Devils, and of every foul spirit, and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird) O my people that ye be not partakers of her sinnes, and that ye receive not of her plagues: by their forcible driving of their own Protestant King, Brethren into Babylon, and keeping them therein, to have their habitation among Devils, foul spirits, & unclean birds of every kind, that so they may participate both in her sins and plagues; instead of calling them out from thence into their own Protestant Dominions and Churches? * Certainly, if the righteous shall scarcely be saved, where shall these most transcendent, unprecidented, unrighteous, ungodly sinners (who obey not, but contradict all these Gospel Texts) appear? and what shall their end be? Verily the Gospel it self resolves: (and O that they would with fear & amazement of spirit now seriously consider it) when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty Angels in flaming fire to take vengeance on them, they shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power, 2 Thess. 1, 7, 8, 9. * and shall receive judgement without mercy, because they have shewed no mercy, but the utmost extremity of malice and cruelty to the Souls and Bodies of their Protestant King and Brethren? * 1 Pet. 4. 18, 19. * Jam. 2. 11.

Whether the Junctoes and Armies late *Proceedings* against 12

gainst the King and Kingship, were not the direct Plot of the Spaniolized Priests and Jesuits, (as well in *France* as *England*, *Spain*, and elsewhere) who contrived and promoted it to their power; as I evidenced in my Speech, *Memorials*, Epistle to my Historical *Collections*, *My true and perfect Narrative*, and *Vindication of the old and new secluded Members* at large, and shall further clear by this ensuing Letter, the original whereof I have twice read found by Mr. *Sherley* a Book-seller in *Little Britain*, (in whose hands it is) amongst the Books of Mr. *Patricke Carre* (Priest to Don *Alonso de Cardenas* the Spanish Ambassador) which he bought of him at this *Ambassadors house*, when he was departing hence upon the breach with *Spain*, 1653. within a year after this Letters date, which he soon after shewed to divers *Gentlemen*, one of them (who took a copy thereof) promising to shew it to *Cromwel* himself. The *Superscription* of it is in Spanish directed (as is conceived and the Letter imports) to this *Patricke Carre* (an Irish Priest and *Jesuit*) under the name of *Don Pedro Garsia*: the Letter it self is in *English*, written it seems by some *English* or *Irish* Priest or Jesuit, sent as an intelligencer by the *Spanish* Ambassador into *Holland* and *France*, (with whom the *English* were then in hostility) but the direction for Letters to him is in *French*. In the close whereof the Jesuitical and Spanish party in *Paris*, expected our *Anti-Parliamentary Junto* (whom they stile, our *blabe Parliament*, as set up by and acting for them) should espouse their quarrel and act their parts against the *French*, and joyn with the Prince of *Condee*, to cut off the King of *France* his head, and all Kings else, as they did the King of *England*, by their instigation, such *Antimonarchists*, *Traytors* are these Jesuits, Irish and Spanish Freers to all *Kings* and Monarchy.

*Had he writ it to a spaniard, no doubt the Letter would have been in Spanish, (not English) as well as the superscription.

Paris, 10. of *January*, 1652.

SIR,

I *Was so soon in* Holland, *when I writ to you, but hearing nothing from you I concluded, either you were very sick, or that you received not my Letter; I came hither in an ill time, for the Kingdom is in great disorder, upon the Kings recalling the*

with Cardinal Mazarine against all his Declarations. This Court resolved to declare in favor of the Prince and the Duke of Orleance, who is now treating with the Duke of Lorrain for his Army. If your dull * Archduke make no more use and advantage of this, than of the disorders of the last Summer, it's pity but he were sent to keep Sheep. WE EXPECT HERE OUR BRAVE PARLIAMENT WILL NOT LET THE GAME BE SOON PLAYED OUT: I could wish Gallant Cromwell AND ALL HIS ARMY WERE WITH THE * PRINCE: for I BEGIN TO WISH ALL KINGS HAD THE SAME THE KING OF *ENGLAND* HAD. I do see no more until I hear from you, but that I am

* *Leopold.*

* *Condie.*

* Execution he means.

Your unfeigned Friend,
T. Daniell.

I pray remember me to both my Cozens. Direct your Letters A Monsieur Monsieur *Cornell* demurant chez Monsr. Marchant a la rue de pulle.

The Superscription is thus, viz.

A Don Pedro Garsia en Casa de *Embaxador de Espanque* * Dios garde.

En Londres.

* This intimates he was a Priest or Jesuit who writ it.

There were many Papers and Notes written in *Irish*, some concerning the affairs & transactions of the late wars in *Ireland*, found amongst these Books, whence I conceive this *Patrick Carre* was an *Irish* Priest and Jesuite; and that the *Spaniard* had a great hand in that horrid Rebellion. From the close of this Letter let all consider.

Whether it can be safe for any *Popish*, as well as *Protestant Kings* to harbour such Jesuitical Antimonarchists and Regicides in their Kingdoms, Courts, who thus wish *ALL KINGS beheaded and brought to Justice, as well as the late King of England*, by *Cromwell* and his *Army*, of their own Subjects: and how much all Kings ought to detest his presidents (of the Jesuits contriving) let them now cordially and timely advise for their own security.

* See my hidden works of Darkness, brought to publike Light.

Whether the Great swarms of Jesuites and Popish

Freers in and about *London*, by the *Junctoes*, and *Army-Officers* obliteration and connivance (whose Jesuitical Anti-monarchical Plots, Counsels they have vigorously pursued) be not the principal contrivers, fomentors of all our changes of Government, New Sects, Opinions, Mutinies in and Usurpations of the *Army*, (in whose *Councils* most unwelcome *Protestants* have just cause to fear they have been and still are predominant) there being multitudes of them in and about *London*, under several masks; some of them saying Masse in their *Pontificalibus* in Popish Ladies Chambers one day, and speaking to and praying with their Soldiers in the Army, or in Anabaptistical or Quaking Conventicles the next day, of which there are some late particular instances, I shall relate one only more general and worthy knowledge.

Two English Gentlemen of quality (one of them of mine acquaintance) travelling out of *England* into *France* in *May* 1658. and hiring a vessel for their passage, three strangers (who came from *London*) desired leave to passe over with them; which they condescending to, suspected one of them at least, to be a Jesuit, by his discourse; and during their stay at *Paris*, *saw all three of them there walking often in the Streets in their Jesuits habits*. In *August* following, they being at *Angiers* in *France*, there repaired to their lodging an *Englishman*, in his *Friers* weeds, who informed them, *That he was an Englishman by birth, but a* Dominican Freer *by profession, newly come from* Salamanca *in* Spain, *and bound for* England; *that he had been at* Rome, *where he had left some goods with an* Irish Jesuit, *who promised to return monies on them in* France, *but had failed to doe it; whereupon he was in present distress for mony to transport him to* England, *desiring their favour to furnish him with monies, which he would faithfully repay in* London, *and if they had any Letters to send to their friends in* England, *he would see them safely delivered*. The Gentlemen finding him to be an excellent *Scholar of very good parts and education*, entertained him 5. or 6. daies at their lodging, till they could furnish him with monies, and upon his Ac-

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count as a Freer, had a very good intertainment in the Monastery at Angiers by the Freers there of: During his stay there they had much discourse with him: He told them he had been formerly a Student in *Kings College* in *Cambridge*; after that at *Salamanca* in *Spain*, for 8. years. Being demanded by them, *Whether there were not many Jesuites and Freers then in* England? He assured them upon *his own knowledge*, they had then above five hundred Jesuites in London and the Suburbs; and that they had at least four or five Jesuites and Popish Priests in and about London, to every Minister we had there. Whereupon they demanding of him; *How so many Jesuites and Priests were there maintained?* He answered, That the Jesuites and every Order of Friers had their several Treasurers in London, who by Orders from their Provinciales furnished them with what ever Monies they wanted by Bills of Exchange returned to them; *That all the Jesuites and Priests in* England *were maintained according to their respective qualities*; A Lords Son, like a Lord, and a Knights Son like a Knight; *and if they chanced to meet him in* London *at their return, though he were now in a poor weed, they should find him in Scarlet, or Plush, & a better equipage than what he was in.* He would not discover his true name to them, but upon discourse on a sudden, he mentioned *His Cozen Howard in England*, which made them suspect he was of that family. He told them further; *that though we were very cunning in* England, *yet the Jesuites and Priests there were too crafty for us, lurking under so many disguises that they could hardly be discovered: That there was but one way to detect them*; which they being inquisitive to know. He said, *it was for those who suspected them to be Priests to feign themselves* Roman Catholicks, *and upon that account to desire the Sacrament from them, which they could not deny to give them* (after Confession to them) *being bound thereto by Oath, by which means some of them had been betrayed.* He further informed them: *That himself had been at all the several Gathered Churches, Congregations & Sects in London*, and that none of them came so near the *Papists in their

* See Mr. Smiths 2. New Books against the Quakers, and Dell, proving them to be Papists.

Opinions and Tenents as the Quakers, shewing upon himself had spoken. This relation one of the Gentlemen (a person of honor and reputation, the other being dead) hath lately made to me three several times with his own mouth, and will attest it for truth, having related it to sundry others since his return into *England*. Which considered, Whether it be not the very High-way to our Churches, Religions, Ministers, Nations ruine and destruction to listle so many *Quakers, Anabaptists, Sectaries, in the Army and New Militias* in most Counties, *where they bear the greatest sway*; and to disarm the *Presbyterians* and *Orthodox Protestants*, as the only dangerous persons, and put all their arms into *Quakers, Anabaptists*, and *Sectaries* hands (headed, steered by *Jesuits, Popish Priests* and *Freers*) as they have done in *Glocester, Colchester, Cheshire, Lancashire*, and endeavour to doe in other parts, to cut all true Protestants throats, and set up *Popery by the Army* (which hath so much advanced it of late years) before we are aware? Let all true zealous Protestants in *London* and elsewhere timely, seriously consider, and endeavour speedily to prevent (and the Council of Army-Officers, with their new *Commit. of Safety too*, if they have any care of their Native Country, or Protestant Religion) before it be over-late.

Whether we may not justly fear, that God himself in his retaliating Justice, for the *Juncto's* and *Armies* unparalleld Exile of their Protestant King and Royal posterity into Popish Territories, and yet permitting such swarms of Jesuits, Monks and Romish Vermin to creep in and reside amongst us; may not give up the dissolved Juncto, Army, Council of Officers, Soldiers, and their posterities, with our whole three Nations, as a prey and spoil to these seducing, dividing, ravening, all-devouring Wolves; yea to the combined forces of our *Spanish* and *French* Popish adversaries, to the utter desolation, extirpation, ruine of our Protestant Religion, in the midst of our present divisions and distractions, under a just pretext of restoring the exiled Royal issue to their hereditary rights, and avenging the manifold indignities to them and their relations

tions, unless timely and wisely prevented by a prudent, voluntary closing with, & loyal, christian restoring them, by common consent our selves, in a *full and free Parl.* upon just, safe, honourable terms, becoming us both as Men, Christians, & Professors of the Reformed Religion? And whether we be not ripe for such a universal desolating judgement as this, if we consider, Is. 24. 16, 17, 18. c. 33. 1, 2. c. 59. 1, to 19. 2 Chr. 36. 15, to 21. Mich. 2. 2, 3, 4, 5. Ezech. 35. 14, 15. Joel 3. 6, 7, 8. or the late and present sufferings of most other Protestant Churches abroad, not half so Treacherous, Perfidious, Wicked, Execrable as we, who are now become the very Monsters of Men, the scandal, shame, reproach of Christianity, and humanity in the repute of all the world?

Whether the *Junto* and Army-Officers who have (like the (a) *Hypocritical Israelites*) very frequently ordered, celebrated many *Hypocritical* irreligious *Mock-fasts* from time to time, *to fast for strife*, and *debate*, and *to smite with the fist of wickedness*; never yet observing, practising that *fast which* God himself requireth, *to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burthens, to let the oppressed go free, to break every yoke, to deal their bread to the hungry, to bring the poor* (exiled Protestant Royal issue and their English followers) *that are cast out* (by them) *to their Houses, to cover the naked*, and not *hide their selves from their own flesh*: who have hitherto made their publike and private dayes of *Humiliation*, a constant Prologue to their *ambition, pride*, (b) *and rebellious self-exaltation*; their dayes of *praying* to God, a preface to their *preying* upon their brethren; their seeking of God for direction and assistance in their designs, a means to colour and promote *the very* (c) *works of their father the devil*; their pretended following the secret impulses of the spirit of God, *the sole justification of* (d) *walking according to the Prince of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the Children of disobedience*: their making, taking of solemn *Oathes, Vowes, Protestations, Covenants, Engagements to be true, faithfull, constant, loyal, obedient* to their *Lawfull Kings their heirs, successors, superiors, the Pri-*

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a Is. 58. 3, to 8.

b Psa. 66. 7.

c John 8. 44, 45. Ephes. 5. 19, 20, 21.

d Ephes. 2. 2, 3.

vileges, Rights of Parliament out Fundamental Laws, Liberties, Religion, &c. a meer engin and diabolical ſtratagem, more cunningly, boldly, audaciouſly, perfidiouſly to betray, undermine, ſupplant, ſubvert them; have not now juſt cauſe upon conſideration of Iſaiah 1. 2, to 17. and chap. 58. to keep many publike, private Faſts, and dayes of Humiliation, to confeſſe, bewaile, repent, renounce, and reform theſe their tranſcendent-crying, wrath-provoking ſins and abominations: together with their e *building up of Zion* (their New Republike, Free-ſtate, Churches, Kingdom of Jeſus Christ) *with blood, and eſtabliſhing Jeruſalem with iniquity*, f *their deviſing iniquity and working evil upon their beds, and practiſing it when the morning is light*, **becauſe it is in the power of their hand**, and ſwords: *their coveting* (other mens) *fields, houſes, and* **taking them away by violence**; *ſo they oppreſſe a man* (yea their Proteſtant King, and thouſands more of their Proteſtant brethern) *and his houſe; yea a man and his inheritance:* for fear they incurre the fatal inevitable *Woes, evills, Judgements*, denounced by God, againſt ſuch crying Sinnes, oppreſſions, violences, to the utter *deſolation*, extirpation of them, their families, yea of *our Engliſh Zion and Jeruſalem*, Mic. 2. 1, to 6. Il. 32. 1, 2. c. 3, throughout: with that of Hab. 2. 7, 8. *Shall they not riſe up ſuddenly that ſhall bite thee, and awake that ſhall vex thee, and thou ſhalt be for bootie unto them? Becauſe thou haſt ſpoyled many Nations,* **all the remnant of the people ſhall ſpoyl thee**: *becauſe of mens blood, and for the violence of the Land, of the City,* (Army) *and all that dwell therein?*

e Micah 3. 10 Hab. 2. 12,

f Micah 2. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

17. Whether the Junctoes and Army Councils utter ſubverſion of all our Fundamental Laws (eſpecially *Magna Charta*, c. 29, 30. the Petition of Right and all other Lawes, Statutes which concern the preſervation of the Lives, Free-holds, Liberties, Properties, Franchiſes of the Subjects, the inheritance and ſucceſſion of the Crown, the Rights and Privileges of Parliament) their ending the laſt Eaſter Term, with very little Law, and no conſcience at all; their beginning Trinity Term with very little Conſcience (monopolized in their conſcientious Speakers

ers breſt alone) without any Law at all; and their holding part only of *Michaelmas* Term without any *Chancery* or *Conſcience* (voted by ſome to be both uſeleſs and dangerous) or any *real Law* in the judgement of underſtanding Lawyers, and breaking it off, without any Law or Conſcience, to the undoing of many poor oppreſſed Clients left without relief; with their manifold tranſcendent *obſtructions*, ſubverſions both of Law, Equity, Juſtice, Conſcience, Property, Liberty, in their moſt arbitrary lawleſſe Committees of *Indemnity*, and Courts of High Injuſtice, be not a tranſcendent violation of all their formen Remonſtrances, Declarations, Votes, Proteſtations, League, Covenant; *Inviolably to defend theſe Lawes*, and a meer *Jeſuitical deſign* (as I have * *elſewhere* evidenced) to work our utter diſſolution (the Lawes being the onely Ligaments to knite, and Pillar to ſupport our State and Kingdom; *whereby not only the Regal and Parliamental authority, but the peoples ſecurity of Lands, livings, lives, privileges both in general & particular are preſerved, maintained, by the aboliſhing or alteration whereof,* **it is impoſſible but that preſent Confuſion will fall upon the whole State, Frame of this Kingdom and Nation**: as the Statute of 1. *Iac.* c. 2. reſolves, and we finde by woful experience? Whether the *Army Council of Officers*, have not moſt exemplarily and ſatisfactorily performed this part of their laſt printed *Declaration*, 27 Octob. 1659. p. 18. *We earneſtly deſire and ſhall endeavour,* **That a full and through Reformation of the Law may be effected**; by their new Committee of Safeties imperious Order ſent to Mr. *Dudley Short* (a Citizen of *London*) whom Mr. *Thurlo* (whiles Secretary) *committing cloſe Priſoner to a Meſſenger ſeveral weeks, ſo as neither his wife nor friends could have any acceſs unto him*, upon a meer *Trepan*, and ſuppoſed matter of Account between him and a *Scotſman* with whom he traded, & *enforcing him at laſt ere releaſed to enter into a Bond of* 6000 l. with ſufficient ſecurity for appearing before the *Council of State*, & *to go in perſon into Scotl. whenever he ſhould be required, & ordering him to go into Scotland, ſoon after* (*under pain of forfeiting his* 6000 l. *bond*) *upon his*

* My true and perfect Narative, p 58, to 64.

own expence, where after many weeks attendance, and frequent examinations before the *Council* there, touching this account, *the* Scotsman *appeared to be indebted to him above* 120*l. whereupon he was dismissed thence.* For which most unjust vexation, oppression and *false Imprisonment* against the Great Charter, c. 29. the *Petition of Right*, with other Acts, and the late Statute of 17 *Caroli*, c. 10. For *Regulating the Privy Council*, (to Mr. *Shorts* great expence, losse of trade, reputation, and his damage of Ten thousand pounds, as he declared) he brought his Action at law in the *Common Pleas Court*, which was set down to be tried at *Guildhall*, the 12. of this *November*. Whereupon Mr. *Thurlo* procured an expres Order from the new *Committee of Safety*, wherein they presume to *indemnifie him* (by their exorbitant arbitrary power) *against this action of false Imprisonment*, and to enjoyn the Plaintiff both to surcease and releale his Suit, *and never to prosecute it more*; and command *his Counsel, Attorney, Solicitor, the Judge himself, and all other Officers, not to proceed therein at their utmost peril*, upon this ground; *because if this Triul should proceed, any others of the late and present Council of State might have actions brought against them for illegal commitments and imprisonments.* Upon this the Officers of the Court refused to seal his Record for the Triall, and his Attorney and Counsel durst not proceed for fear of being layd by the heels. Whereupon he complained against this abuse, and moved for a triall in open Court, urged these Statutes, with the Statutes of 2 E. 3. c. 2. 28 E. 3. c. 1, 2. and the Judges Oath, *That it shall not be commanded by the great Seal, nor little Seal, to disturb or delay common right: And though such commandements do come, the Justices shall not therefore cease to do right in any point: And that the Justices shall not stay nor delay to do their common Right by the Kings letters, nor write other mans, nor for none other cause. And in case any Letters come to them contrary to Law, they shall do nothing by such Letters, and go forth to do the Law, notwithstanding such Letters.* And pressing the Judge to doe him right accordingly, and to give him

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an answer in open Court; yet their Order countermanded these Statutes and Judges Oath: So that no man, though never so unjustly committed, oppressed, grieved by the Old and New Council of State, to his ruine, shall have any remedy at all against them: since they may thus indemnify each other against all Actions commenced. And if they bring an *Habeas Corpus* for their enlargement, and be bayled according to Law by the Judges; the new *Gardians of our Liberties*, Preservers of our Safety, and *Thorough Reformers* of our *Lawes*, (by extirpating them root and branch) will even in the very face of the Court, as soon as they have put in bayl, in contempt of Law and Justice command Soldiers and their Serjeant at Arms, by new Orders to arrest and carry them to other Prison, and forein *Iſlands*, as they did Mr. *Nuport* and Mr. *Halſey* on the 18. of this instant Nov. notwithstanding they had put in bail of 10000. *l.* a piece for their peaceable deportment: Yea if any henceforth move for *Habeas Corpuses* they will remove them unto New Prisons, or Gards of Souldiers, or send them into Forein parts to prevent their returns and enlargement by our Laws; as some have been newly dealt with, by these New full & thorough Reformers of the Laws. Whether these very *first-fruits* of their *full and thorough pretended Reformation of our Laws*, proving so bitter, trampling all Law and Justice under foot, with greater scorn, contempt, impudence than ever any Kings, Old Council Table Lords, *Strafford* or *Canterbury* were guilty of: And their leaving not so much as one Judge or Justice to act under them in any one Court of Justice at *Westminster*, nor no face of any real or pretended *Legal Authority* in *England* or *Ireland* to execute Justice between man and man: and dismounting all those Judges, Grandees of the Law who formerly complyed with them, and acted under them in all their Innovations, (a just reward for their temporizing against their Judgements, Law and Conscience) their future harvest of our Lawes Reformation will not probably prove so lawlesse and exorbitant, that the whole English Nation

(and for my vow, if they have not abandoned all honesty, shamelessly, daringly, furiously) will revive this prayer in our ancient Liturgy, against such a full and ripened Deformation and Deformers of our Lawes. *From all evil and mischief, from all blindness of heart, from pride, vainglory and hypocrisie, from envy, hatred, and all uncharitableness, from all deceits of the World, the Flesh and Devil, good Lord deliver us.* And exhort their fellow brethren of *Scotland* and *Ireland* in the Apostles words, 2 Thess. 3. 1, 2. *Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord* (and good old Laws of the Land) *may run and have free course, and be glorified, and that we may be delivered from unruly and unreasonable wicked men,* (who thus reform and purge out the *Laws* very bowels) *for all men* (and such reforming Saints especially) *have not faith*: whatever they pretend, who under pretext of a most transcendent Reformation and purgation of the Gospel and Law, would reduce us into the condition of the Israelites, 2 Chron. 15. 3. *Now for a long season Israel had been without the true God, and without a teaching Priest, and without Law?* And why so? The Apostle resolves us in direct terms, 1 Tim. 1. 4. &c. *The end of the Law is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: from which some having swerved have turned aside to vain jangling: desiring to be teachers,* (yea Reformers) *of the Law, understanding neither what they say, nor what they affirm.* But we know that the Law is good, if a man use it lawfully; knowing also that *the Law is not made for a righteous man; but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners. For murderers of Fathers and murderers of Mothers, for manslayers, &c. For men stealers, for liars, for perjured persons, & every other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.* And our Army-Grandees, Juncto, and new Reformers being such, would abrogate all Lawes, and Lawyers too, least they should restrain and punish them for their Capital crimes. Forgetting this lesson, that though they burn all the Laws and Courts of Justice in *Westminster-Hall*, and elsewhere; yet they shall never abrogate nor escape the *Law, Judgement, Execution, Justice* and *vengeance*

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of * God himself, who will render indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish to every soul of man that doth evil, whether Jew or Gentile. For as many who have sinned without Law, shall also perish without Law, and as many as have sinned in the Law, shall be judged by the Law. Enough to dissuade them from their intended Reformation, to reform their own and the Armies lawless encumbrances, before they reform our Laws, or others far better than themselves.

* Rom. 2. 2, 3. 8, 9, 12.

Whether all the old conscientious, faithfull, publike spirited, secured, excluded, and re-excluded Members, who to the uttermost of their powers opposed, voted, protested against all the late dismal Jesuitica Powder-Treasons, Violences, Innovations, Exorbitances of the dissolved Junto and Army, and have (h) vexed their righteous souls, from day to day, yea (i) shed rivers of tears from their mournfull eyes, because of these their heinous transgressions against the Laws of God and the Land, may not with much comfort apply this promise of God to themselves, and their uncharitable brethren, who secluded all, & imprisoned sundry of them. Isa. 66. 5, 6. & c. 26. 11, 13, 14. *Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word: Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name sake, said, Let the Lord be* (thereby) *glorified, but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.* (by reason of their own double ejection, dissolution in a strange unexpected manner) *A voice of noise from the City, a voice from the Temple, a voice of the Lord that rendreth recompence to his enemies. Lord, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see; but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy towards the people; yea the fire of their Enemies* (their very fierce Guards and Powder-men) *shall devour them. O Lord our God, other Lords besides thee* (our New Supreme Lords, Powers, Protectors of the dissolved Junctoes, counsel, and rother House) *have had dominion over us, but by thee only will we make mention of thy name: They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish: Even* (k) *so let all thine Enemies* (and

h 2 Pet. 2. 7, 8.

i Psal. 119. 136

k Judges 5. 31.

the publike impenitent, malicious Enemies of our Churches, Kings, Kingdoms, Parliaments, Peoples Liberties) *fall and perish, O Lord: but let those that love thee* (and the publike peace, welfare, settlement, prosperity of our Churches, Kings Kingdoms, Nations) *be as the Sun when he goeth forth in his might; That so the Land may have rest*
1 Judges 4. 15. *forty years together:* as the Land of Israel had, *after* (*l*) *the Lord had discomfited* Sisera, *and all his Chariots, and all his host with the edge of the Sword, before* Barak *and* Deborah, *Amen.*

21. Whether the General Council of Officers and Army-Saints former and late slandering, false accusing, forcible secluding, the Members of the long Parliament, as *Trust-breakers*, and the whole House of Lords, for whose defence they were raised, waged, commissioned; and their subsequent dissolving, dissipating with high scorne, their own *Anti-Parliamentary Junctoes* from whom they received their new Commissions, and engaged several times, *to yeeld their utmost assistance to them to sit in safety, to be true, faithfull and constant to them, and to live and die in their defence:* be a conscientious saint-like performance.

1. Of *John Baptists* Evangelical Injunction to all Souldiers, Luke 3. 14. *Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsly, and be content with your allowance.* 2ly. Of St. Pauls *description of a good Souldier of Jesus Christ* 2 Tim. 2. 3, 4. *Thou therefore endure hardnesse: No man that warreth, intangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a Souldier.* (not disobey, betray, supplant or destroy him) 3ly. Of Pauls and Peters expresse commands to all Officers, Souldiers whatsoever, as well as others, Rom. 13. 1, 2, &c. *Let every soul be subject to the higher powers: for there is no power but of God: the powers that be, are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power resisteth the Ordinance of God: and they that resist, shall receive to themselves damnation, &c. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.* Tit. 3. 1, 2. *Put them in mind to be subject to Principalities and Powers, to obey Magistrates, to be ready to every good work: To speak evil of no*

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men; to be gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. Ephes. 6. 5, 6, 7. Col. 4. 22, 23, 24. *Servants*, (& such are all Mercenary Officers, Soldiers, under pay to the old Parliament and Kingdom) *obey in all things, your Masters according to the flesh, in fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as unto Christ, Not with eye service, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart. With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men; for ye serve the Lord Christ.* 1 Pet. 2. 13, to 20. *Submit your selves to every Ordinance of man for the Lord sake, whether it be to the King as supreme, or unto Governours, as unto those who are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well; for so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. As free, and not using your liberty, as a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men,* (in lawfull authority) *Fear God, Honour the King. Servants, be subject to your Masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thank-worthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.* Whether by their former & late rebellions against the King, Parl. & all their lawful *Superiors*, and exalting themselves above all their former Lords and Masters, they have not given Christ himself the lye, and falsified his reiterated Asseveration, Resolution. Mat. 10. 24. John 13. 16. c. 15. 10. *Verily, Verily I say unto you, the Disciple is not above his Master, nor the Servant above, or greater than his Lord; neither he that is sent, greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them!* Whether they will not prove bitterness, damnation, ruin to them in the latter end, and teach, engage all Common souldiers under them to be treacherous, rebellious, disobedient unto them, and thrust them out of all their commands, now they have neither legal Commissions nor authority to rule them, nor monies to pay or quarter them, nor imployment under them for the peoples welfare, but only for their own ambitious ends and self-preservation, for which they were never raised, since their own presidents and principles of treachery and disobedience to all their former Superiours animate them thereunto.

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22 Whether the Sanctified Army Council, upon serious consideration of all the premisses and their former miscarriages, have not all cause with penitence, humble and bleeding Spirits to cry out and make this old publike confession in the Book of Common Prayer. *Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy wayes like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy lawes, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health nor truth in us. But thou O Lord have mercy upon us miserable offenders. And grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, & sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.* Which if these *Workers of iniquity* shall still refuse to do, *as if the Lord did neither see nor regard it*, and thereby provoke our 3. Nations to cry out with united prayers to God against them; *Help Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithfull fail from among the children of men. With flattering lips, and with a double heart do they speak, every one to his neighbour. O Lord God of revenges, O Lord God to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thy self: lift up thy self thou Judge of the Earth, render a reward to the proud. Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph? how long shall they utter hard things, and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves? They break in pieces thy people, O Lord, & afflict thine heritage, they slay the widow and murder the fatherless; They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.* Whether they must not then expect that inevitable doom of God himself, insisting after such practises and Prayers, Psa. 94. 23. *And the Lord shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea the Lord our God shall cut them off.* But *the transgressors shall be destroyed together, the end of the wicked shall be cut off: But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord, he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them, he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them because they trust in him.*

*Psal. 12. 1, 2. Psal. 94. 1.

* Psl. 37. 38, 39, 40.

Jer. 36. 3, 7. *It may be they will (now) present their supplica-*

plications before the Lord, and return every one from his evil way, that God may forgive your iniquity and their sin, forgetting not the longer and the sorer rods the Lord hath pronounced against this people.

An Exact Alphabetical List of the Old and New secluded Members of the Commons House in the long Parliament, surviving May 7. 1659. when the dissolved Junto began their new Session.

Baronets, Knights and Esquires.

LOrd Aneram, *Sir* Ralph Ashton, *Sir* John Barrington, *Sir* Thomas Barnardiston, *Sir* Robert Bennet, *Sir* George Booth, *Sir* Humphry Bridges, *Sir* Ambrose Brown, *Sir* John Burgoin, *Sir* Roger Burgoin, *Sir* Henry Chohnley, *Sir* John Glotworthy, *Sir* John Corbet, *Sir* John Curson, *Sir* Thomas Dacres, *Sir* Francis Drake, *Sir* William Drake, *Sir* Walter Earl, *Sir* Charles Egerton, *Sir* John Evelin of Surry, *Sir* John Evelin of Wilts, *Sir* John Fenwick, *Sir* Edmund Fowel, *Sir* Gilbert Gerard, *Sir* Harbottle Grimston, *Sir* Richard Houghton, *Sir* John Holland, *Sir* Anthony Hoy, *Sir* Martin Knatchbull, *Sir* John Leigh, *Sir* William Lewis, *Sir* William Litler, *Sir* William Lyson, *Sir* Samuel Luke, *Sir* Nicholas Martyn, *Sir* Thomas Middleton, *Sir* Robert Napper, *Sir* Robert Nelham, *Sir* Dudley North, *Sir* John Northcot, *Sir* Richard Onslow, *Sir* Hugh Owen, *Sir* John Palgrave, *Sir* Philip Parker, *Sir* Thomas Parker, *Sir* Edward Partridge, *Sir* John Pellam, *Sir* William Planers, *Sir* Nevil Poole, *Sir* John Potts, *Sir* Robert Pye, *Sir* Francis Rusell, *Sir* Edmund Saint-John, *Sir* John Seymor, *Sir* Thomas Sonds, *Sir* William Setterland, *Sir* John Temple, *Sir* Thomas Trevor, *Sir* Humph. Tufton, *Sir* William Waller, Thomas Viscount Wenman, *Sir* Henry Worly, *Sir* Richard Wynne, *Sir* John Young. in all 64.

Esquires, Gentlemen and Lawyers.

John Alford, Arthur Ansley, Mr. Andrews, William Ardington,

Arlington, John Arundle, Mr. Aubrey, Francis Bacon, Nathaniel Bacon, Edward Bainton, Col. John Barker, Maurice Barrow, Mr. Bell, James Bence, Col. John Birch, Edward Bish, John Bowyer, John Boyes, Major Brooks, Major General Brown, Samuel Brown, Serjeant at Law, Francis Bullet, John Bunkly, Hugh Bustoen, Mr. Button, Mr. Cemble, William Carrent, Col. Cecly, James Chaloner, Mr. Clive, Commiss. Copley, John Crew, Thomas Crompton, Mr. Crowder, Thomas Dacre, John Dormer, John Doyle, Mr. Drake, Robert Ellison, Mr. Erisy, Mr. Evelin, Edward Fowel, William Foxwist, John Francis, James Fynnis, Nathaniel Fynnis, Samuel Gardiner, Francis Gerard, Thomas Grewn, William Glanvil, John Glynne Serjeant at Law, Samuel Gott, Thomas Grove, Elias Grymes, Brampton Gurdon, Edward Harby, Col. Edward Harley, Major Harley, John Hatcher, John Haldon, James Herbert, John Herbert, Mr. Hobby, Thomas Hodges, Denzel Hollis, Francis Hollis, George Horner, Edmund Hoskins, John Hungerford, Col. Hunt, Mr. Jennings, William Jones, George Keckwich, Richard Knighly, Col. Lassels, Henry Lawrence, Col. Lee, Mr. Lewis, Col. Walter Long, Mr. Lowry, Col. John Lloyde, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Luckin, John Malpas, Christopher Martin, Major Gen. Edward Massey, Thomas Middleton, Thomas Moore, William Morrice, George Mountague, Mr. Nash, James Nelthrop, Alderman Nixon, Mr. North, Col. Norton, Mr. Onslow, Arthur Owen, Henry Oxinden, Mr. Packer, Mr. Peck, Henry Pellam, William Pelrpoint, Jervase Pigot, Mr. Potter, Mr. Poole, Col. Alexander Popham, Mr. Pory, Mr. Prily, William Prynne, Alexander Pym, Charles Pym, Mr. Ralpscraft, Mr. Ratcliffe, Charles Rich, Col. Edward Rossiter, Mr. Scowen, Mr. Scot, Col. Robert Shapcot, Col. Shuttleworth, Mr. Spelman, Mr. Springate, Henry Stapleton, Robert Stanton, Edward Stephens, John Stephens, Nathaniel Stephens, Mr. Stockfield, John Swinfen, Mr. Temple, Mr. Terwit, Mr. Thistlethwait, Mr. Thomas, Isaac Thomas, Mr. Thynne, Mr.

Mr. Tubbin, John Trevor, Thomas Twisden Serjeant at Law, Mr. Vaſh, Mr. Vaughan, Thomas Waller, Mr. Weſt, Henry Weſton, William Wheeler, Col. Whitehead, Henry Wilkes, Cæſonius Wingate, Mr. Winwood, Thomas Worgan, Mr. Wray, Richard Wynne.

The Total Number, 203. beſides the Houſe of Lords.

An Alphabetical Liſt of all Members of the late diſſolved Junto.

James Aſh, Alderman Atkins, William Ayre, Mr. Baker, Col. Benner, Col. Bingham, Daniel Blagrave, Mr. Brewſter, William Cawly, Thomas Chaloner, Mr. Cecil *the diſintegrated Earl of Salisbury*, Robert Cecil *his ſon*, John Corbet, Henry Darley, Richard Darley, Mr. Dixwell, John Dove, Mr. Downes, Serj. Earl, Will. Ellys, Mr. Feilder, Mr. Fell, Col. Charls Fleetwood, Auguſtin Garland, Mr. Gold, John Goodwin, Robert Goodwin, John Gurdon, Mr. Hollowes, Sir James Harrington, Col. Harvy, Sir Arthur Haſlrig, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Herbert *the diſ-degraded Earl of Pembrook*, Roger Hill, Cornelius Holland, Col. Humphrey, Col. Ingoldby, Philip Jones, Mr. Leachmore, William Lenthall *Speaker*, John Lenthall *his ſon*, John Lille, Philip Viſcont Liſle, Thomas Liſter, Nicholas Love, Col. Ludlow, Henry Marvyn *a priſoner in execution*, Mr. Mayne, Sir Henry Mildmay, Gilbert Millington, Col. Herbert Morley, Lord Viſcont Munſon, *a priſoner in execution*, Henry Nevil, Robert Nicholas, Michael Oldſworth, Dr. Palmer, Alderman Pennington, Sir Gilbert Pickering, John Pine, Edmond Prideaux, William Purefoy, Thomas Pury, Robert Reynolds, Col. Rich, Luke Robinſon, Oliver Saint-John, Major Saloway, Mr. Say, Thomas Scot, Major General Skippon, Auguſtin Skinner, Mr. Smith, Walter Strickland, Col. Sydenham, James Temple, Col. Temple, Col. Thompſon, Serjant Thorpe,

John Trenchier, Sir John Trevor, Sir Henry Vane, Col. Waite, Mr. Wallop, Sir Thomas Waltingham, Col. Walton, Sir Peter Wentworth, Edmond Weaver, Mr. White, Serjeant Wilde, Sir Thomas Witherington, Sir Thomas Wroth.

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¶ Note, *That of these Members (whereof two are since dead) there entred only 42. into the House at first; that the rest came in to them by degrees, either to keep their old preferments, gain new, or regain the places they had formerly lost (especially the* Lawyers, *who notwithstanding their former compliances, are turned quite out of* Office, *and dis-Judged;) that 10. or more of them, came in by* New Writs *issued in the Name of the* Keepers of the Liberties of England, *after the Kings beheading, and were no Members of the long Parliament; That there were never 60. of them together in the House at once whiles they sate; and but 57. on the 11. and 12. of* October *last upon the great debate between them and the Army Officers; And some that sate formerly with them (as the* Lord Fairfax, John Gary, *and others) refused to sit with them now, as having not the least colour of Law, to sit or act as a Parliament. Yea, their* Speaker Mr. Lenthal, *told the Officers of the* Army *and Members, who came to invite him to sit again,* May 6. That he had a Soul to save, and that he was not satisfied in point of Law, conscience or prudence that they could sit again: *But at last when he considered,* he had an estate to save, (*as he told another Friend*) that over-ballanced all his former Objections: *And made him, and other Members act against their judgements, consciences, and to forget our Saviours sad Query,* Mat. 16. 26. What is a man profited if he should gain the whole world and lose his own Soul? Or, what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? *With that of* Jer. 5. 29. 31. *Shall I not visit for these things? Shall not my soul be avenged on such a Nation as this?* And what will ye do in the end thereof?

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To fill up the Vacant Pages of this sheet, I shall propose 7. Queres more to this late dissipated *Rump*, to which I expect their satisfactory Answer, ere they presume to sit again, as many of them endeavour.

1. Whether they could with any colour of Law, truth, reason, justice, conscience heretofore, or can hereafter by virtue of their first Writs and Elections, intitle themselves, *The Parliament of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, & Ireland*, when by their Writs, Elections and Indentures, by which they pretended to sit, they were only a small *inconsiderable Fragment*, of the Parliament of the late *King* and *Realm* of *England*, but never of the Realm of *Scotland* or *Ireland*, which have their * distinct Parliaments from *England*, and no legal Parliament of *England*, *Scotland* or *Ireland* ever hitherto was or can be held without a *King and House of Lords*, and a full House of Commons, of which they are not the fift part?

* Cookes 4. Instit. c. 1. 75, 76.

2. Whether those Interloping Members Elected since the Kings beheading, and old Parliaments dissolution by his death, by Writs only in the name of the *Guolers of the Liberties of England*, can sit, act, or joyne with the Tayl of the old Commons House, elected only by the beheaded Kings Writs, and so owning his Royal Authority in *Deeds*, though abjuring it & Kingship, by their *Declarations, Votes, Knacks, Ingagements and new-coined Oathes?* Whether such a strange model as this, be not a Violation of Deut. 22. 9, 10, 11. *Thou shalt not sow thy Vineyard with divers seeds, lest the fruit of thy seed and Vineyard be defiled. Thou shalt not plow with an Ox and an Asse together. Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of Wollen and Linnen together?* And as great an Absurdity as that in *Horace*, *Humano Capiti cervicem jungere Equinam?*

3ly. Whether it will not be the Extremity of folly and frenzy for this *twice dissolved Anti-Parliamentary Junto* to conceit, that *Lambert* and those *Army-Officers*, who have twice turned them out of Doors with greatest *Infamy*, and branded them with so many deserved *Marks of Treachery, Injustice, Usurpation, Rapine, Oppression*, self-seeking, and the

surviving numerous Members of that old long Parliament, or the Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Ports for which they served, the old House of Peers, or our three Kingdoms, will ever patiently permit them as fit or Able as a lawfull Parliament of *England, Scotland* and *Ireland*; or submit to any of their Anti-Parliamentary *Taxes, Excises, Impost, Militias, Orders*, or Usurped Regal *Parliamental sovereign legislative Authority*: without rising up unanimously against them, as the *worst, unpardonable, vilest* of *Traytors, Usurpers, Enemies to the Peace and Settlement*, of our 3. *Kingdoms*, (as their last Knock of October 12. their *Plea*, and other late publications of their own, proclaim them to all the world) which they have so miserably oppressed, impoverished, rent in pieces by their forementioned *Treasons, Innovations*, and complying with those ambitious, covetous Army-Officers, and Jesuitical Emissaries, whose designs, and their own self-ends they have only pursued, to the publike desolation of our Kingdoms and Churches? And whether their re-secluding of the Lords House, and their old surviving fellow-Members will not be a justification, and ground for their *own third restitution* & dissolution, by the Army or others, if they presume to sit and act again without them?

4. Whether there be any probability or possibility, (considering all the premises) that any Common Souldiers, Mariners, or other inferior Officers in the Army or Navy, can expect any real payment of their arrears, or future pay, or the People of our 3. Nations any Trade, Peace, Ease, Settlement in the least degree, but inevitable speedy desolation, confusion, destruction, unless they all cordially unite their endeavours, counsels, forces for the speedy convening, and secure un-interrupted sitting of a full, free and Legal English Parliament, according to the Act of 17 *Caroli* cap. 2. and declaring all such Members of the twice-dissipated Junto, and Army-Grandees *Traitors* and *Enemies* to the publike, who shall openly and wilfully oppose this their just and necessary only probable means of their *Tranquility, Safety, Prosperity*? Which they pretend

pressed to aim at in Words and Declarations, but diametrically contradict by their Proceedings, as experience manifests, past all contradiction.

5. Whether our Protestant King, his Brethren and fellowers expelled out of their Protestant Realms, and forein Allies Territories, into Popish idolatrous forein Countries, wherethey sojourn, to the hazard of their Religion, Souls bodies, by the malice of the dissolved Junto, Army, Republican Saints, may not now justly use that Speech of innocent persecuted exiled David to King Saul in the like case and condition, 1 Sam. 26. 19. If the Lord hath stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering: but if they be the Children of men, Cursed be they before the Lord, for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the Inheritance of the Lord, saying, Go serve other Gods: And whether God by way of requital for this their transcendent impietie, and other premised Crimes, Treasons of all sores, wherein they impenitently persevere, may not justly inflict on the Junto, Army-Grandees, and their posterities, that severe judgement decreed to the Israelites, Jer. 16. 13. Deutr. 4. 27, 28. c. 28. 64, 65, 66. Therefore will I cast you out of this land, into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and the Lord shall scatter you among the Nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the Heathen whither the Lord shall lead you; and there you shall serve Gods day and night, the work of mens hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell; where I will not shew you favour. And amongst these Nations thou shalt find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest, but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind; and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee day and night, and thou shalt have none assurance of thy life: In the morning thou shalt say, would God it were even; and at even thou shalt say, would God it were morning, for the fear of thine heart, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see: And there shall ye be sold unto your Enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you? O tremble at the serious thoughts thereof, and be no more stiff-necked.

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6. Whether the memorable Example of Gods divine Justice upon Lockier, an active Agitator and Leveller in the Army, who had a principle hand in selling & bringing the King to his death, cried out, *Justice, Justice, Justice against him and spit on the Kings face in Westminster Hall, when brought to his Tryal, before his Condemnation; conveyed him to the block, and was struck 3. Months after condemned in a Councib of War by some of the Kings own Judges, and shot to death at Bishopsgate, in London, 27 April 1649.*

The tragical self-execution of *Thomas Hoyle*, Alderman and Knight for the City of *York*, one of the Judges and *High Court of Justice*, (though he signed not the Kings Sentence) and one who consented to and subscribed the New Engagement, *against a King and House of Lords*, against his conscience, former Oaths, Covenant, and Protestation he had taken; the horror whereof so terrified his conscience, that on the 30. of *January 1649.* the very day Twelvemoneth of the Kings execution, *he hanged himself with a cord in his Chamber at Westminster* about the very time of the day the King was there executed the year before. The Execution of sundry Levellers at *Burford* that year, with *John Lilburnes* double Trial for his life soon after by *Cromwells* own Prosecution: his proceedings against *Saxby*, *Sydercombe*, and other *Levellers*, though his chief instruments to bring the King to justice, to seclude the Majority of the Members, and suppress the *whole House of Lords*. The sudden and fearfull deaths of Col. *Fen*, *Rigby*, and others of the Kings Judges; the cashiering, close imprisonments, sufferings of M.G. *Harrison*, Col. *Rich*, Col. *Overton*, Col. *Okey*, Lord *Grey* of *Groby*, and others of the Kings condemners by *Cromwell* himself who engaged them therein; The Removal of *John Bradshaw* from his Presidentship, and Feudes between *Cromwell* and him, who secluded him out of the *Rump Parliament*, in 1654. and after chose to be *Instrumental*, *Parliament*, in 1654. and after chose to be *used to imprison and question him for his life*; With the late pangs of conscience which Col. *William Purefoye* sustained before his death in *September* last, for *having a hand in the*

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Kings blood, which lay heavy on his heart, (as he told some Friends:) To say nothing of *Oliver Cromwels* own death, *Septemb.* 3. on which day he shed much Protestant Christian blood in the battels of *Dunbar*, and *Worcester*, against the present King and his Adherents: and his two Sonnes sudden dismounting: May not justly awaken the stupid, seared consciences of all the dissolved Junto, and *Army-Officers* now living, who had any hand in the Tragedies and Powder-plot against the late King and Parliament; to bring them to speedy, sincere, real publike Repentance for them, before they sink down quick into Hell, or fall into like exemplary Terrors, judgments, and self-executions; and likewise deterr all others from treading in their unwarrantable paths: (1) *All these things happned to them for their examples, to the intent they should not lust after nor all those evil things*, which they attempted, accomplished to their own prejudice, as well as the publike desolation: it being (2) *better for such men never to have been born*, than to *become Traytors* to their own Christian Kings, Parl. Country, and to be registred to posterity amongst such who *were born only for publike mischief*, & happier never to have or enjoy the least power or strength, than to abuse it to the publike nuisance of others. (3) *Pestifera vis est valere ad nocendum.* Such a power, force as this, which some in late and present power have exercised, if (4) St. *Augustin* mistake not; *Non sanitatis est, sed insaniæ. Nam & phreneticis nihil fortius, valentiores sunt sani; sed quanto majores vires, tanto mors vicinior: Avertat ergo Deus ab imitatione nostra fortes istos.*

(1) 1 Cor. 10. 6. 11.

(2) Mat. 26. 24.

(3) Seneca de Clementia, l. 1.

(4) Enarratio in Psal. 78.

7. Whether if the twice dissolved *Rump* shall audaciously presume to sit and act again as a Parliament, notwithstanding all out-goings of Gods former signal providences, judgements, and the Peoples, Armies general indignation against them; we may not justly apply S. *Peters* sentence concerning *Apostates* to them, 2 Pet. 2. 2, 22. *While they promise them selves (and others) Liberty, themselves are servants of corruption* (and of the Army too that turned them twice out of doors) *for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought into* BONDAGE:

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